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H.B. No. 404

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the participation of a judge at a political party
3 convention.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 33, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 33.039 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 33.039. PARTICIPATION AT POLITICAL PARTY CONVENTION.
8 Notwithstanding the Code of Judicial Conduct or any other law, a
9 judge's voting in a political party convention or serving as a
10 delegate to any precinct, county, senatorial district, state, or
11 national political party convention does not constitute judicial
12 misconduct.

13 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to an
14 investigation of or a formal proceeding regarding a complaint of
15 judicial misconduct being conducted on or begun on or after the
16 effective date of this Act, regardless of whether the conduct or act
17 that is the subject of the investigation or proceeding occurred or
18 was committed before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.