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AN ACT

relating to procedures for establishing a public appointment list of attorneys from which to appoint counsel for indigent defendants.

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

SECTION 1. Article 26.04(d), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(d) A public appointment list from which an attorney is appointed as required by Subsection (a) shall contain the names of qualified attorneys, each of whom:

(1) ~~[applies to be included on the list,~~

~~(2)]~~ meets the objective qualifications specified by the judges under Subsection (e);

(2) ~~(3)]~~ meets any applicable qualifications specified by the Task Force on Indigent Defense; and

(3) ~~(4)]~~ is approved by a majority of the judges who established the appointment list under Subsection (e).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.