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H.B. No. 596

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to the appointment of judges to the City of Amarillo
municipal court.

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

SECTION 1. Section 30.00934(a), Government Code, is amended
to read as follows:

(a) A municipal judge need not be a resident of the city at
the time of appointment but must, in addition to satisfying the
requirements of Section 30.00006(c), maintain residence in the city
during the term of office. The judge shall devote full time to the
duties of that office and may not engage in the private practice of
law while in office. The restrictions on the residency of and
private practice by a municipal judge do not apply to a judge
employed to work less than 40 hours per week.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
municipal judge serving in office or employed on or after the
effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
Act takes effect September 1, 2005.