

1-1 By: Smithee (Senate Sponsor - Seliger) H.B. No. 596
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 29, 2005;
1-3 March 30, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 5, 2005, reported favorably by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 5, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the appointment of judges to the City of Amarillo
1-9 municipal court.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 30.00934(a), Government Code, is amended
1-12 to read as follows:

1-13 (a) A municipal judge need not be a resident of the city at
1-14 the time of appointment but must, in addition to satisfying the
1-15 requirements of Section 30.00006(c), maintain residence in the city
1-16 during the term of office. The judge shall devote full time to the
1-17 duties of that office and may not engage in the private practice of
1-18 law while in office. The restrictions on the residency of and
1-19 private practice by a municipal judge do not apply to a judge
1-20 employed to work less than 40 hours per week.

1-21 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to a
1-22 municipal judge serving in office or employed on or after the
1-23 effective date of this Act.

1-24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-28 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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