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H.B. No. 1895

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of an associate judge appointed by a court
3 with family law jurisdiction.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article 2.09, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Art. 2.09. WHO ARE MAGISTRATES. Each of the following
8 officers is a magistrate within the meaning of this Code: The
9 justices of the Supreme Court, the judges of the Court of Criminal
10 Appeals, the justices of the Courts of Appeals, the judges of the
11 District Court, the magistrates appointed by the judges of the
12 district courts of Bexar County, Dallas County, or Tarrant County
13 that give preference to criminal cases, the criminal law hearing
14 officers for Harris County appointed under Subchapter L, Chapter
15 54, Government Code, the magistrates appointed by the judges of the
16 district courts of Lubbock County or Webb County, the magistrates
17 appointed by the judges of the criminal district courts of Dallas
18 County or Tarrant County, the masters appointed by the judges of the
19 district courts and the county courts at law that give preference to
20 criminal cases in Jefferson County, the magistrates appointed by
21 the judges of the district courts and the statutory county courts of
22 Williamson County, the magistrates appointed by the judges of the
23 district courts and statutory county courts that give preference to
24 criminal cases in Travis County, the county judges, the judges of

1 the county courts at law, judges of the county criminal courts, the
2 judges of statutory probate courts, the associate judges appointed
3 by the judges of the statutory probate courts under Subchapter G,
4 Chapter 54, Government Code, the associate judges appointed under
5 Chapter 201, Family Code, by judges of courts with family law
6 jurisdiction, the justices of the peace, the mayors and recorders
7 and the judges of the municipal courts of incorporated cities or
8 towns.

9 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 201, Family Code, is
10 amended by adding Section 201.0071 to read as follows:

11 Sec. 201.0071. MAGISTRATE. An associate judge appointed
12 under this subchapter is a magistrate.

13 SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 201, Family Code, is
14 amended by adding Section 201.1043 to read as follows:

15 Sec. 201.1043. MAGISTRATE. An associate judge appointed
16 under this subchapter is a magistrate.

17 SECTION 4. Subchapter C, Chapter 201, Family Code, is
18 amended by adding Section 201.2043 to read as follows:

19 Sec. 201.2043. MAGISTRATE. An associate judge appointed
20 under this subchapter is a magistrate.

21 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.