

1-1 By: Wentworth S.B. No. 348  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 3, 2005; February 15, 2005,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;  
1-4 March 14, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 14, 2005, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the availability of judges and magistrates for  
1-9 proceedings related to chemically dependent persons.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 462.0025, Health and Safety Code, is  
1-12 amended to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 462.0025. COURT HOURS. (a) The probate court or  
1-14 court having probate jurisdiction shall be open [~~at all times~~] for  
1-15 proceedings under this chapter during normal business hours.

1-16 (b) The probate judge or magistrate shall be available at  
1-17 all times at the request of a person taken into custody or detained  
1-18 under Subchapter C or a proposed patient under Subchapter D.

1-19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-23 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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