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S.B. No. 670

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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