

1-1 By: Lindsay S.B. No. 1832
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed April 1, 2005; April 4, 2005, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;
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1-5 Nays 0; April 22, 2005, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the assignment of judges to hear certain cases in the
1-9 Harris County civil courts at law.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 25.1032, Government Code, is amended by
1-12 adding Subsection (m) to read as follows:

1-13 (m) If the judge of a county civil court at law in Harris
1-14 County is disqualified or recused from a case pending before the
1-15 court, the judge of another county civil court at law in Harris
1-16 County shall be assigned to sit for the regular judge and hear the
1-17 case. If another county civil court judge for Harris County is not
1-18 available or is unable to hear the case because of a
1-19 disqualification or recusal, the presiding judge of the
1-20 administrative judicial region shall appoint as a visiting judge:

1-21 (1) a retired judge who served as the judge for a
1-22 county or district court in Harris County; or

1-23 (2) if a judge described by Subdivision (1) is not
1-24 available for the assignment, a former, retired, or active judge
1-25 from another county.

1-26 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act to Section
1-27 25.1032, Government Code, apply only to the assignment of a judge
1-28 under that section on or after the effective date of this Act.

1-29 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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