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S.B. No. 1556

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

2 relating to the appointment of regional presiding judges by the
3 chief justice of the supreme court.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 74.005, Government Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 74.005. APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL PRESIDING JUDGES. (a)
8 The chief justice of the supreme court [~~governor, with the advice~~
9 ~~and consent of the senate,~~] shall appoint one judge in each
10 administrative region as presiding judge of the region.

11 (b) On the death, resignation, or expiration of the term of
12 office of a presiding judge, the chief justice of the supreme court
13 [~~governor~~] immediately shall appoint or reappoint a presiding
14 judge.

15 SECTION 2. The amendment by this Act of Section 74.005,
16 Government Code, does not affect the term of a person appointed
17 under that section before the effective date of this Act.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.