

1-1 By: Hinojosa S.B. No. 1556
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2007; March 20, 2007, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;
1-4 April 23, 2007, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; April 23, 2007,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1556 By: Hinojosa

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the appointment of regional presiding judges by the
1-11 chief justice of the Supreme Court of Texas.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 74.005, Government Code, is amended to
1-14 read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 74.005. APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL PRESIDING JUDGES.

1-16 (a) The chief justice of the supreme court [~~governor~~], with the
1-17 advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint one judge in each
1-18 administrative region as presiding judge of the region.

1-19 (b) On the death, resignation, or expiration of the term of
1-20 office of a presiding judge, the chief justice of the supreme court
1-21 [~~governor~~] immediately shall appoint or reappoint a presiding
1-22 judge.

1-23 SECTION 2. The amendment by this Act of Section 74.005,
1-24 Government Code, does not affect the term of a person appointed
1-25 under that section before the effective date of this Act.

1-26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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