

1-1 By: Harris S.B. No. 1705
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2007; March 21, 2007, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 April 16, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
1-5 Nays 0; April 16, 2007, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the requirements of a candidate for certain judicial
1-9 offices to be placed on the ballot.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (g), Section 172.021, Election Code,
1-12 is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (g) A candidate for the office of chief justice or justice,
1-14 supreme court, or presiding judge or judge, court of criminal
1-15 appeals, who chooses to pay the filing fee must also accompany the
1-16 application with a petition that complies with the requirements
1-17 prescribed for a petition authorized by Subsection (b), except that
1-18 the minimum number of signatures that must appear on the petition
1-19 required by this subsection is 50 from each court of appeals
1-20 district. This requirement does not apply to a chief justice or
1-21 justice, supreme court, or presiding judge or judge, court of
1-22 criminal appeals, who is seeking reelection to the same position
1-23 that the judicial officeholder currently holds.

1-24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-28 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

1-29 * * * * *