1-1  By:  Hartnett (Senate Sponsor - Watson)                H.B. No. 1809
1-2        (In  the  Senate - Received  from  the  House  April 14, 2009;
1-3  April 27,  2009,  read  first  time  and  referred  to  Committee  on
1-4  Jurisprudence;  May 23,  2009,  reported  favorably  by  the  following
1-5  vote:  Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 23,  2009, sent to printer.)

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

1-8  relating  to  proceedings  in  a  statutory  probate  court  during  the
1-9  judge's absence.
1-10        BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-11        SECTION 1.  Subchapter  B,  Chapter  25,  Government  Code,  is
1-12  amended by adding Section 25.0033 to read as follows:
1-13        Sec. 25.0033.   PROCEEDINGS DURING CERTAIN ABSENCES OF JUDGE.
1-14  The  judge  of  a  statutory  probate  court  may  hear,  determine,  and
1-15  enter  orders  in  a  matter  or  proceeding  pending  in  another  statutory
1-16  probate court in the same county if:
1-17              (1)   the judge of the other court is absent; and
1-18              (2)    the    presiding   judge   of   the   statutory   probate
1-19  courts  has  not  assigned  a  judge  to  the  other  court  under  Section
1-20  25.0022.
1-21        SECTION 2.   This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-22  a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-23  provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.   If this
1-24  Act  does  not  receive  the  vote  necessary  for  immediate  effect,  this
1-25  Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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