By: Martinez Fischer H.B. No. 2758

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to continuing legal education for certain government

3 attorneys.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 81.113, Government Code, is amended by

6 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

7 (d) The supreme court shall promulgate rules requiring

8 that, for each continuing legal education program recognized,

9 prepared, or administered by the state bar, a specified number or

10 percentage of attendance seats be reserved for attorneys described

11 by Subsection (a), and that those attorneys be permitted to attend

12 without charge. The rules promulgated under this subsection must

13 specify whether the reserved attendance seats are to be allocated

14 on a first-come, first-served basis, or in another manner.

15 SECTION 2. The Texas Supreme Court shall promulgate the

16 rules required by Section 81.113(d), Government Code, as added by

17 this Act, as soon as possible after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

22 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.