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H.B. No. 4370

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of Harris County probate judges to sign
3 orders and act on each other's behalf in the event of their absence,
4 disqualification, or incapacity.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 15.1034, Texas Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Subsection (n) to read as follows:

8 (n) A Harris County statutory probate judge may sit and act
9 on behalf of any other Harris County statutory probate judge who is
10 unavailable to serve due to absence, disqualification, incapacity,
11 or for any other reason, in any Harris County probate court
12 courtroom, in any matter or proceeding pending in any Harris County
13 statutory probate court. A Harris County statutory probate court
14 judge may sign any orders in any matter or proceeding that the judge
15 of any other Harris County statutory probate court may sign.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.