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H.B. No. 4750

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the appointment of magistrates in the White Settlement
municipal courts of record.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter DD, Chapter 30, Government Code, is
amended by adding Section 30.01137 to read as follows:

Sec. 30.01137. MAGISTRATES. (a) The governing body may
appoint one or more magistrates.

(b) A magistrate is not required to possess all the
qualifications necessary to be a municipal court of record judge.

(c) A magistrate may not preside over the court or hear
contested cases.

(d) A magistrate may:

(1) conduct an arraignment;

(2) hold an indigency hearing;

(3) accept a plea;

(4) sign a judgment;

(5) set the amount of a bond; and

(6) perform other functions under Article 15.17, Code
of Criminal Procedure.

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

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.