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S.B. No. 1438

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to compliance requirements for candidates for judicial
3 office.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 34.001(a), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) A person who has filed an application for a place on the
8 ballot as provided by the Election Code for a judicial office listed
9 in Subsection (b) is subject to Canon 5 [~~7~~], Code of Judicial
10 Conduct, and is subject to sanctions as provided by this chapter.

11 SECTION 2. Section 34.003, Government Code, is amended to
12 read as follows:

13 Sec. 34.003. ATTORNEY. A candidate who is an attorney and
14 who violates Canon 5 [~~7~~], Code of Judicial Conduct, or any other
15 relevant provision of that code is subject to sanctions by the state
16 bar.

17 SECTION 3. Section 34.004, Government Code, is amended to
18 read as follows:

19 Sec. 34.004. OTHER CANDIDATE. A candidate other than a
20 judge under Section 34.002 or an attorney under Section 34.003 who
21 violates Canon 5 [~~7~~], Code of Judicial Conduct, or any other
22 relevant provision of that code is subject to review by the attorney
23 general or the local district attorney for appropriate disciplinary
24 action.

1 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.