

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1931
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Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note that legislation is needed to allow a retired statutory probate court judge, who has the qualifications required of other judges to be a special judge, to be appointed as a special judge in certain trials by special judge. H.B. 1931 seeks to make statutory changes relating to a person who may serve as a special judge in certain civil and family law matters.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 1931 amends the Civil Practice and Remedies Code to include a statutory probate court judge among the retired or former judges that may serve as a special judge in certain civil or family law matters. The bill makes conforming and nonsubstantive changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2011.