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H.B. No. 1931

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a person who may serve as a special judge in certain civil and family law matters.

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

SECTION 1. Section 151.003, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 151.003. QUALIFICATIONS OF JUDGE. The special judge must be a retired or former district, statutory county court, statutory probate court, or appellate judge who:

(1) has served as a judge for at least four years in a district, statutory county court, statutory probate court, or appellate court;

(2) has developed substantial experience in the judge's ~~his~~ area of specialty;

(3) has not been removed from office or resigned while under investigation for discipline or removal; and

(4) annually demonstrates completion ~~[that he has completed]~~ in the past calendar year of at least five days of continuing legal education in courses approved by the state bar or the supreme court.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.