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H.B. No. 1931

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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