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H.B. No. 3434

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to continuing judicial training.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56.006, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c), (d), and (e) to read as follows:

(c) The court of criminal appeals may not adopt rules that require judges to complete continuing judicial training more frequently than every two years.

(d) In adopting rules on continuing judicial training, the court of criminal appeals must adopt rules that require:

(1) a judge to complete continuing judicial training in an even-numbered year; and

(2) the training to include a legislative update of the preceding legislative session on laws enacted or amended that affect the judiciary.

(e) The court of criminal appeals may not approve an organization to sponsor continuing judicial training for judges in this state unless the organization at a minimum provides training to municipal, county court, statutory county court, and district judges. This subsection does not prohibit the organization from providing training courses on topics specific to the judges of certain courts.

SECTION 2. (a) Not later than December 1, 2011, the court of criminal appeals shall adopt the rules required by Section 56.006,

1 Government Code, as amended by this Act.

2 (b) Notwithstanding Section 56.006, Government Code, as
3 amended by this Act, a judge is not required to comply with the
4 continuing judicial training requirements of that section and rules
5 adopted under that section until the year beginning January 1,
6 2012.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.