

AN ACT

relating to the appointment of associate judges in child protective services cases.

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

SECTION 1. Subsections (a) and (e), Section 201.201, Family Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The presiding judge of each administrative judicial region, after conferring with the judges of courts in the region having family law jurisdiction and a child protection caseload, shall determine which courts require the appointment of a full-time or part-time associate judge to complete cases under Subtitle E [~~each case within the times specified in Chapters 262 and 263~~].

(e) This section does not limit the jurisdiction of a court to issue orders under Subtitle E [~~Chapter 262 or 263~~].

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 283 passed the Senate on March 24, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 283 passed the House on May 19, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor