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S.B. No. 283

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the appointment of associate judges in child protective
3 services cases.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 201.201(a) and (e), Family Code, are
6 amended to read as follows:

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

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

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