

1-1 By: Harris S.B. No. 283  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 21, 2010; January 31, 2011,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;  
1-4 March 14, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 14, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the appointment of associate judges in child protective  
1-9 services cases.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsections (a) and (e), Section 201.201, Family  
1-12 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-13 (a) The presiding judge of each administrative judicial  
1-14 region, after conferring with the judges of courts in the region  
1-15 having family law jurisdiction and a child protection caseload,  
1-16 shall determine which courts require the appointment of a full-time  
1-17 or part-time associate judge to complete cases under Subtitle E  
1-18 [~~each case within the times specified in Chapters 262 and 263~~].

1-19 (e) This section does not limit the jurisdiction of a court  
1-20 to issue orders under Subtitle E [~~Chapter 262 or 263~~].

1-21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-25 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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