

By: Thompson of Harris

H.B. No. 1520

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the assignment to a trial court of a judge or justice
3 who was defeated in a primary or general election.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 74.053(d), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (d) An assigned judge or justice who was defeated in the
8 last primary or general election for which the judge or justice was
9 a candidate for the judicial office held by the judge or justice may
10 not sit in a criminal or civil case if either party objects to the
11 judge or justice.

12 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
13 to the assignment of a judge or justice made on or after the
14 effective date of this Act. An assignment made before the effective
15 date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before
16 that date, and the former law is continued in effect for that
17 purpose.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.