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H.B. No. 1644

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the oath of a person admitted to practice law in the State of Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Section 82.037(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Each person admitted to practice law shall, before receiving a license, take an oath that the person will:

(1) support the constitutions of the United States and this state;

(2) honestly demean oneself [~~himself~~] in the practice of law; [~~and~~]

(3) discharge the attorney's duty to the attorney's [~~his~~] client to the best of the attorney's ability; and

(4) conduct oneself with integrity and civility in dealing and communicating with the court and all parties.

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, 2015.