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H.B. No. 3965

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the persons who are eligible for appointment as a
3 temporary justice of the peace.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 27.055(c), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (c) In Subsections (b) and (f), "qualified person" means a
8 person who:

9 (1) has served [~~as a justice of the peace~~] for not less
10 than 4 1/2 years as a:

11 (A) justice of the peace;

12 (B) judge of a:

13 (i) municipal court;

14 (ii) constitutional county court;

15 (iii) statutory county court; or

16 (iv) district court; or

17 (C) justice of an appellate court; and

18 (2) [~~who~~] has not been convicted of a criminal offense
19 that involves moral turpitude.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.