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(Smithee)

S.B. No. 534

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the oath of a person admitted to practice law in the
3 State of Texas.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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