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H.B. No. 1457

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the eligibility of certain attorneys to be employed by a  
3 public defender's office.

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

5 SECTION 1. Article 26.044, Code of Criminal Procedure, is  
6 amended by adding Subsection (i-1) to read as follows:

7 (i-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (i)(1), an attorney  
8 engaged in the private practice of criminal law may be employed by a  
9 public defender's office on a part-time basis for the sole purpose  
10 of providing counsel in relation to an indigent person's appearance  
11 before a magistrate as required by Article 14.06(a), 15.17(a), or  
12 15.18(a).

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.