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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.