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H.B. No. 3081

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a person qualified to serve as a special or temporary justice of the peace.

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

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

(c) In Subsections (b) and (f), "qualified person" means:

(1) a person who has served as a justice of the peace, county judge, or the judge of a county court at law for not less than four [4-1/2] years and who has not been convicted of a criminal offense that involves moral turpitude; or

(2) a person who has experience and knowledge relevant to judicial or justice court processes and procedures and is approved by the county judge and a justice of the peace in the county.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a temporary or special justice of the peace appointed on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.