

1-1 By: Noble (Senate Sponsor - Paxton) H.B. No. 3081  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2019;  
 1-3 May 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
 1-4 Affairs; May 19, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable  
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;  
 1-6 May 19, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-14	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3081 By: Hall

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to a person qualified to serve as a temporary justice of  
 1-22 the peace.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Sections 27.055(c) and (e), Government Code, are  
 1-25 amended to read as follows:

1-26 (c) In this section [~~Subsections (b) and (f)~~], "qualified  
 1-27 person" means a person who has served as a justice of the peace,  
 1-28 county judge, or the judge of a county court at law for not less than  
 1-29 four [4-1/2] years and who has not been convicted of a criminal  
 1-30 offense that involves moral turpitude.

1-31 (e) The county judge may appoint any qualified voter under  
 1-32 Section 11.002, Election Code, who has experience and knowledge  
 1-33 relevant to judicial or justice court processes and procedures and  
 1-34 is approved by the county judge and a justice of the peace in the  
 1-35 county, to serve as a temporary justice of the peace if the judge  
 1-36 cannot find a qualified person who agrees to serve under this  
 1-37 section [~~Subsection (b) or (f)~~].

1-38 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
 1-39 to a temporary justice of the peace appointed on or after the  
 1-40 effective date of this Act.

1-41 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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