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TO: Honorable Jeff Leach, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director
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IN RE: HB3081 by Noble (Relating to a person qualified to serve as a special or temporary justice of the peace.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Government Code to reduce the number of years of service as a justice of the peace from 4.5 years to 4 years needed to serve as a special or temporary justice of the peace. The bill would also allow for the appointment of county court at law judges with 4 years of experience and licensed attorneys with experience relevant to practice before a justice court as temporary justices of the peace under certain circumstances. Based on the analysis of the Office of Court Administration, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

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