

House Bill 3081
Senate Amendments
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

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.

SENATE VERSION (CS)

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

(c) In this section [~~Subsections (b) and (f)~~], "qualified person" means 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.

(e) The county judge may appoint any qualified voter under Section 11.002, Election Code, 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, to serve as a temporary justice of the peace if the judge cannot find a qualified person who agrees to serve under this section [~~Subsection (b) or (f)~~].

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

SECTION 3. Same as House version.

CONFERENCE