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H.B. No. 2430

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the mileage expense reimbursement for certain temporary  
3 justices of the peace.

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

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

7 (b) If a justice is temporarily unable to perform official  
8 duties because of absence, recusal, illness, injury, or other  
9 disability, the county judge, on the judge's own motion or at the  
10 request of the justice of the peace, may appoint a qualified person  
11 to serve as temporary justice for the duration of the absence of the  
12 justice of the peace from the bench. The commissioners court shall  
13 compensate the temporary justice by the day, week, or month in an  
14 amount equal to the compensation of the regular justice. If the  
15 temporary justice is also serving as a justice of the peace in  
16 another justice precinct in the county, the commissioners court may  
17 authorize reimbursement for the mileage expenses incurred in  
18 performing the official duties of the temporary justice's  
19 appointment, notwithstanding Chapter 152, Local Government Code. A  
20 temporary justice has all the rights and powers of the justice of  
21 the peace while serving in that capacity but may not make personnel  
22 decisions about, or significant changes in, the justice of the  
23 peace's office.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.