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H.B. No. 103

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 103:

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C.S.H.B. No. 103

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the appointment of a retired or former judge as a
3 visiting judge in certain counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 26, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 26.020 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 26.020. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "former
8 constitutional county judge" means a person who:

9 (1) served as a judge for at least 96 months in a
10 constitutional county court; or

11 (2) served as a judge for at least 48 months in a
12 constitutional county court and who is a licensed attorney in this
13 state.

14 SECTION 2. Section 26.023(a), Government Code, is amended
15 to read as follows:

16 (a) The county judge may appoint a retired judge, former
17 constitutional county judge, or a constitutional county judge from
18 another county as a visiting judge when the county judge is absent
19 from the county or absent because of physical incapacity.

20 SECTION 3. Section 26.024(a), Government Code, is amended
21 to read as follows:

22 (a) The county judge may appoint a retired judge, former
23 constitutional county judge, or a constitutional county judge from
24 another county as a visiting judge to share the bench if the county

1 judge finds that the dockets of the county court reflect a case load
2 that the county judge considers to be in excess of that which can be
3 disposed of properly in a manner consistent with the efficient
4 administration of justice.

5 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.