

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the appointment of temporary justices of the peace in
3 certain counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 27.055, Government Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsections (c), (d), and (e) and adding Subsection (f) to
7 read as follows:

8 (c) In Subsections [~~Subsection~~] (b) and (f), "qualified
9 person" means a person who has served as a justice of the peace for
10 not less than 4 1/2 years and who has not been convicted of a
11 criminal offense that involves moral turpitude.

12 (d) A person appointed under Subsection (b) or (f) may
13 reside in a county other than the county in which the person is
14 appointed as a temporary justice of the peace.

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

19 (f) In a county that has a population of more than 800,000
20 and that has not more than five justices of the peace, the county
21 judge may appoint a qualified person to serve as a temporary justice
22 of the peace to hold court when necessary to dispose of accumulated
23 business in the precinct. The county judge may designate the local
24 administrative statutory county court judge to act on behalf of the

1 county judge in making the appointment under this subsection.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

David Dewhurst

President of the Senate

Jim Caddick

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3519 was passed by the House on May 9, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3519 was passed by the Senate on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Antony Spaw

Secretary of the Senate

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Rick Perry

Governor

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