

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the judicial immunity and powers of certain
3 magistrates.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 54.1176, Government
6 Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 (b) The judge shall adopt, modify, or reject the
8 magistrate's recommendations not later than the third working day
9 after the date the judge receives the recommendations. If the judge
10 does not take action in the time provided by this subsection, the
11 recommendations of the magistrate are adopted by the judge.

12 SECTION 2. Subchapter W, Chapter 54, Government Code, is
13 amended by adding Section 54.1177 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 54.1177. JUDICIAL IMMUNITY. A magistrate appointed
15 under this subchapter has the same judicial immunity as a district
16 judge.

17 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act to Subsection
18 (b), Section 54.1176, Government Code, apply to a cause of action
19 referred to a magistrate on or after the effective date of this Act.
20 A cause of action referred to a magistrate before the effective date
21 of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before that
22 date, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

23 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011._____

David Newkirk

President of the Senate

Joe Straus
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1242 passed the Senate on April 7, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patsy Law
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1242 passed the House on May 13, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

28 MAY 11

Date

RICK PERCY
Governor

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