

SUBJECT: Permitting appointed municipal court judges to hold more than one office

COMMITTEE: Judicial Affairs — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 5 ayes — Hartnett, Clark, Luna, Shields, Zbranek
0 nays
4 absent — Thompson, Crabb, Garcia, Solis

WITNESSES: For — Michael O’Neal, Texas Municipal Courts Association and Texas Municipal League; David Indorf
Against — None

BACKGROUND : See HJR 87.

DIGEST: HB 2280 would allow persons to be hold the office of municipal court judge for more than one municipality if they were appointed to each post. The bill also would declare that the holding of such offices would be of benefit to the state.
HB 2280 would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house.

SUPPORTERS/ OPPONENTS SAY: See HJR 87.

NOTES: The companion bill, SB 1173 by Duncan, passed the Senate on April 9 and was reported favorably, without amendment by the House Judicial Affairs Committee on April 15, making it eligible to be considered in lieu of HB 2280.