

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current law allows associate judges to appoint a visiting associate judge to perform the duties of an associate judge who is temporarily absent, disabled, injured, or ill. Currently, to be eligible for an appointment as a visiting associate judge, a person must have served as an associate judge for at least six years. The six-year service requirement reduces the number of visiting associate judges available for such purposes. H.B. 1376 reduces the number of years a person must have served as an associate judge to be eligible for appointment as a visiting associate judge.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 201.018(b), Family Code, to provide that to be eligible for appointment under this section, a person must have served as an associate judge for at least two, rather than six, years.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.
Makes application of this Act prospective.