BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current Texas Law, the selection for appointment of a temporary justice of the peace is restricted to persons who have served as a justice of the peace for at least four and one-half years. As proposed, S.B. 250 would include persons who have served as a master or magistrate for a district court, a judge of a municipal court, county court, or district court, or justice of an appellate court for at least four and one-half years among those qualified for appointment as a temporary justice of the peace.

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 Sections 27.055(c) and (e), Government Code, to redefine "qualified person." Deletes existing text pertaining to a qualified person's agreement to serve.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.

Makes application of this Act prospective.