

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, to be eligible for appointment as a visiting associate judge a person must have served as an associate judge for at least six years, a criteria that limits the number of potential appointees. As proposed, S.B. 618 requires a person to have served as an associate judge for at least two years, rather than six years, to be eligible for appointment as a visiting associate judge in order to expand the number of candidates eligible to be appointed.

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 require a person to have served as an associate judge for at least two years, rather than six years, to be eligible for appointment as a visiting associate judge under this section.

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