

1-1 By: Metcalf, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Creighton) H.B. No. 431
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2017;
 1-3 May 9, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 15, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 15, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a temporary justice of the peace.
 1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-21 SECTION 1. Section 27.055(b), Government Code, is amended
 1-22 to read as follows:
 1-23 (b) If a justice is temporarily unable to perform official
 1-24 duties because of absence, recusal, illness, injury, or other
 1-25 disability, the county judge, on the judge's own motion or at the
 1-26 request of the justice of the peace, may appoint a qualified person
 1-27 to serve as temporary justice for the duration of the absence of the
 1-28 justice of the peace from the bench [disability]. The
 1-29 commissioners court shall compensate the temporary justice by the
 1-30 day, week, or month in an amount equal to the compensation of the
 1-31 regular justice. A temporary justice has all the rights and powers
 1-32 of the justice of the peace while serving in that capacity but may
 1-33 not make personnel decisions about, or significant changes in, the
 1-34 justice of the peace's office.
 1-35 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-37 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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