

CHAPTER 49

S.B. No. 405

An Act relating to the eligibility requirements for public defenders; amending Subsection (b), Section 2, Chapter 609, Acts of the 66th Legislature, Regular Session, 1979 (Article 341-2, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 2, Chapter 609, Acts of the 66th Legislature, Regular Session, 1979 (Article 341-2, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

“(b) To be eligible for appointment as a public defender, a person must:

“(1) be a member of the State Bar of Texas;

“(2) have practiced law at least *one year* [~~three years~~]; and

“(3) be experienced in the practice of criminal law.”

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on March 7, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on April 10, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 1, one present not voting.

Approved: April 25, 1985

Effective: Immediately