

## CHAPTER 282

## H.B. No. 238

## AN ACT

relating to judicial training related to the problems of family violence, sexual assault, and child abuse.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22.011(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The supreme court shall adopt the rules necessary to accomplish the purposes of this section. *The rules must require each district judge and each judge of a statutory county court to complete at least eight hours of the training within the judge's first term of office. At least six hours of the training must be dedicated to the training described by Subsections (d)(5), (6), and (7). The rules must exempt from the training requirement of this subsection each judge who files an affidavit with the Office of Court Administration stating that the judge does not hear any cases involving family violence, sexual assault, or child abuse.*

SECTION 2. (a) Each judge who is in office on December 31, 1993, and is not exempt must complete the judicial training required by Section 22.011, Government Code, as amended by this Act, notwithstanding the requirement of that section that it be completed within the first term of office. The training must be completed before August 31, 1996.

(b) A judge who takes office on or after January 1, 1994, and who is not exempt from or has not otherwise satisfied the requirements of Section 22.011(b), Government Code, as amended by this Act, must complete the judicial training required by that section within the judge's first term of office that begins on or after that date.

SECTION 3. 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.

Passed by the House on March 25, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 14, 1993: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Approved May 23, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.