

CHAPTER 283

H.B. No. 535

AN ACT

relating to an exemption from the nepotism law for personal attendants of certain officers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1, Article 5996g, Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. This law does not apply to:

- (1) an appointment to the office of a notary public, or to the confirmation thereof;
- (2) an appointment of a page, secretary, attendant or other employee by the Legislature for attendance on any member of the Legislature who, by reason of physical infirmities, is required to have a personal attendant;
- (3) a confirmation of an appointee appointed to a first term on a date when no person related to the appointee within the prohibited degree was a member of or a candidate for the Legislature, or confirmation upon reappointment of the appointee to any subsequent consecutive term; [or]
- (4) an appointment or employment of a substitute teacher or bus driver by a school district if:

(A) the district is located wholly in a county with a population of less than 35,000 according to the most recent federal census; or

(B) the district is located in more than one county and the county in which the largest part of the district is located has a population of less than 35,000 according to the most recent federal census; or

*(5) an appointment or employment of a personal attendant by an officer of the state or a political subdivision of the state for attendance on the officer who, by reason of physical infirmities, is required to have a personal attendant.*

SECTION 2. The addition by this Act of Section 1(5), Article 5996g, Revised Statutes, applies only to an appointment or employment on or after the effective date of this Act. An appointment or employment made before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time of the appointment or employment and that law is continued in effect for that purpose only.

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, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 15, 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.