

CHAPTER 505

H.B. No. 287

AN ACT

relating to the disqualification of judges to serve as assigned judges.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4.013(b), Court Administration Act (Article 200a-1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(b) If a party to a civil case files a timely objection to the assignment, the judge is disqualified to hear the case. *Each party to the case is only entitled to one objection under this subsection for that case.*

SECTION 2. This Act applies to assignments of judges as visiting judges under Chapter 74, Government Code, or the Court Administration Act (Article 200a-1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes) made on or after the effective date of this Act. An assignment made before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect at the time of the assignment and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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 22, 1987, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 287 on May 28, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 26, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 1987.

Effective Aug. 31, 1987, 90 days after date of adjournment.