CHAPTER 425

S.B. No. 497

AN ACT

relating to sanctions for violations of the code of Judicial Conduct by candidates for certain judicial offices.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 2, Government Code, is amended by adding Chapter 34 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 34. CODE OF JUDICIAL CONDUCT;

CANDIDATES FOR JUDICIAL OFFICE

Sec. 34.001. CANDIDATE SUBJECT TO CODE. A person who has filed an application for a place on the ballot as provided by the Election Code for a judicial office described by Canon 8A, Code of Judicial Conduct, is subject to Canon 7, Code of Judicial Conduct, and is subject to sanctions as provided by this chapter.

Sec. 34.002. JUDGE. A candidate who is a judge subject to the authority of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct who violates the Code of Judicial Conduct is subject to sanctions by the commission.

Sec. 34.003. ATTORNEY. A candidate who is an attorney and who violates Canon 7, Code of Judicial Conduct, or any other relevant provision of that code is subject to sanctions by the state bar.

Sec. 34.004. OTHER CANDIDATE. A candidate other than a judge under Section 34.002 or an attorney under Section 34.003 who violates Canon 7, Code of Judicial Conduct, or any other relevant provision of that code is subject to review by the attorney general or the local district attorney for appropriate disciplinary action.

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 April 30, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0. Passed the House on May 29, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved June 17, 1987.

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