

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.S.B. 250  
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Jurisprudence  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Under current Texas Law, the selection for appointment of a temporary justice of the peace is restricted to persons who have served as a justice of the peace for at least four and one-half years. As proposed, C.S.S.B. 250 would include persons who have served as a master or magistrate for a district court, a judge of a municipal court, county court, or district court, or justice of an appellate court for at least four and one-half years, or a person who has served as an attorney for ten years among those qualified for appointment as a temporary justice of the peace.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 27.055(c) and (e), Government Code, to redefine “qualified person.” Deletes existing text pertaining to a qualified person’s agreement to serve.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.  
Makes application of this Act prospective.

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES**

SECTION 1. Differs from the original by adding a person who has served as an attorney for ten years to the definition of a “qualified person.”

SECTION 2. No change.