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Mr. Speaker:

The Judiciary Committee recommends **H.B. 160**, JUSTICE COURT JUDGE QUALIFICATIONS AMENDMENTS, by Representative C. Hall, be replaced and reports a favorable recommendation on **1st Sub. H.B. 160**, JUSTICE COURT JUDGE QUALIFICATIONS AMENDMENTS with the following amendments:

1. *Page 2, Lines 32 through 35:*

32 (2) {~~Justice~~} Effective May 10, 2016, justice court judges are not
33 required to be admitted to practice law in the state as a
34 qualification to hold office but in first, second, and third class counties judges shall
35 have [at the minimum a diploma of graduation from high
34 ~~school or its equivalent~~] a degree from a law school that makes one eligible to apply for
35 admission to a bar in any state.

2. *Page 2, Line 54:*

54 current term, but may not stand for retention at the end of the term.
(8) Justice court judges in fourth, fifth, and sixth class counties shall continue
to be governed by the statutory requirements in effect prior to May 10, 2016.

1. *Page 2, Lines 52 through 54:*

52 (7) A justice court judge sitting on the bench on January 30, 2017, who does not

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- meet
- 53 the qualification in Subsection (2) may continue in the judge's position until
retirement, resignation, or removal from the position { the end of the
- 54 current term, but may not stand for retention at the end of the term } .

Respectfully,

LaVar Christensen
Committee Chair

Voting: 10-0-1

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