

## 2nd Sub. H.B. 160

# JUSTICE COURT JUDGE QUALIFICATIONS AMENDMENTS

HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT 1

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Representative **Scott H. Chew** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Page 1, Lines 8 through 10:*

8 General Description:

9 This bill requires justice court judges in the first {~~,~~} and second {~~,and third~~} class  
counties to be

10 law school graduates.

2. *Page 1, Lines 12 through 14:*

12 This bill:

13 ▶ requires justice court judges in counties of the first {~~,~~} and second {~~,and third~~}  
class to have

14 graduated from law school; and

3. *Page 2, Lines 34 through 40:*

34 (2) [Justice] Effective May 10, 2016, a justice court [judges are] judge is not required  
35 to be admitted to practice law in the state as a qualification to hold office but:

36 (a) in counties of the first {~~,~~} and second {~~,and third~~} class, a justice court judge shall  
have a

37 degree from a law school that makes one eligible to apply for admission to a bar in any state;

38 and

39 (b) in counties of the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth class, a justice court judge shall have at the  
40 minimum a diploma of graduation from high school or its equivalent.

4. *Page 2, Lines 44 through 45:*

44 (5) In counties of the first {~~,~~} and second {~~,and third~~} class, if there are not at least three  
45 applicants for a justice court judge position who meet the requirements of Subsection (2)(a).