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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to retired justices and judges; amending  
3           s. 25.073, F.S.; providing that a former justice or judge  
4           may be qualified to serve as a retired justice or judge  
5           under certain conditions; providing circumstances under  
6           which such justice or judge is excluded from serving as a  
7           retired justice or judge; providing an effective date.

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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11           Section 1. Present subsections (2) and (3) of section  
12   25.073, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (3) and  
13   (4), respectively, and a new subsection (2) is added to that  
14   section, to read:

15           25.073 Retired justices or judges assigned to temporary  
16   duty; additional compensation; appropriation.--

17           (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a former justice or  
18   judge who has failed to win reelection or be retained after more  
19   than 12 years of service as a justice or judge, or has served at  
20   least one complete term as a justice or judge and has chosen not  
21   to stand for retention or reelection at the conclusion of the  
22   latest term, may be qualified to serve as a retired justice or  
23   judge unless:

24           (a) Such former justice or judge has been reprimanded,  
25   finned, suspended, or disciplined by the Florida Supreme Court for  
26   violations of the Florida Code of Judicial Conduct or the rules  
27   regulating The Florida Bar;

28           (b) The Judicial Qualifications Commission has brought  
29   charges against such former justice or judge which were not

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30 dismissed, or such former justice or judge was not exonerated of  
31 all such charges; or

32 (c) Any party objects to the assignment of such former  
33 justice or judge when such former justice or judge is to preside  
34 over a civil case, including any appeal of a civil case.

35 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.