



# City of San Antonio

## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** Ordinance reappointing John Bull as the Presiding Judge of the Municipal Courts of the City of San Antonio. [Andrew Segovia, City Attorney]

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**DEPARTMENT:** City Attorney's Office

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Andy Segovia

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** City-Wide

**SUBJECT:**

Reappointment of the Presiding Judge of the San Antonio Municipal Court

**SUMMARY:**

This item will reappoint the Presiding Judge of the San Antonio Municipal Court for a two-year term of office commencing on May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2021.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Presiding Judge of the San Antonio Municipal Court is appointed by City Council for a two-year term that is staggered from the remaining Municipal Court Judges. The qualifications for the Presiding Judge are the same as other Municipal Court Judges. The Presiding Judge must (1) be a Texas resident; (2) be a United States citizen; (3) be a licensed attorney in good standing; (4) have practiced law in Texas for a minimum of two years; and (5) be a resident of the City of San Antonio for at least three years immediately preceding appointment.

The duties of the Presiding Judge include:

- Maintaining administrative oversight of judges
- Establishing work rules for the administration of the courts, in consultation with the Court Clerk
- Maintaining a central case docket and requesting jurors for trial
- Maintaining equitable distribution of cases to judges/courts
- Establishing judicial work hours and leave
- Administering the judicial and court budgets

City Council originally appointed John Bull as Presiding Judge of the San Antonio Municipal Courts on April 22, 2004. He has been reappointed six times, most recently on March 30, 2017. Judge Bull's current term commenced on May 1, 2017 and expires on April 30, 2019.

**ISSUE:**

The term of office for the Presiding Judge of the San Antonio Municipal Court will expire on April 30, 2019.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

City Council may consider other candidates for Presiding Judge.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The salary and benefits of the Presiding Judge are included in the Operating Budget of the Municipal Court Department.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the reappointment of John Bull as Presiding Judge of the San Antonio Municipal Court for a two-year term of office commencing on May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2021.