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Bill Analysis

SB 515 modifies the procedures for assigning Justices or Judges in substitution of recused or disqualified Justices or Judges. The measure specifies that no Justice or Judge shall sit on any case to which he or she presided over previously, regardless of which court heard the case. The measure also requires the Governor to assign a Judge from the Court of Civil Appeals to the matter in substitution of the recused or disqualified Justice if a member of the Supreme Court recuses him or herself. If no Judge of the Court of Civil Appeals is able to serve, the Governor shall assign a retired Supreme Court Justice to the matter or to a member of the State Bar if no Justice is available. The Governor will assign a retired Judge from the Court of Criminal Appeals to replace a member of the Court or a Judge from the Court of Civil Appeals. If no member is available, the Governor shall assign a member of the State Bar.

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