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§ 25.0453. COLLIN COUNTY STATUTORY PROBATE COURT

PROVISIONS. (a) The judge of a statutory probate court in Collin County must:

- (1) be at least 25 years of age;
- (2) have resided in the county for at least two years preceding the date of election or appointment;
- (3) be licensed to practice law in this state; and
- (4) have practiced law or served as a judge in this state, or both combined, for the five years preceding the date of election or appointment.

(b) The salary of a judge of a statutory probate court shall be paid out of the county treasury on orders of the commissioners court.

(c) The judge of a statutory probate court shall diligently discharge the duties of the judge's office on a full-time basis and may not engage in the private practice of law.

(d) Practice for a statutory probate court is that prescribed by law for county courts.

(e) The laws governing the drawing, selection, service, and pay of jurors for county courts apply to a statutory probate court.

(f) A statutory probate court has the general jurisdiction of a probate court as provided by Section 25.0021.

(g) The judge of a statutory probate court may Order the record of proceedings to be made by electronic recording. No stenographic record shall be required of any proceedings electronically recorded except upon Order of the judge. The judge shall designate one or more persons to act as court recorders and shall assign to such persons the duties and responsibilities necessary to act in that capacity. Except to the extent inconsistent

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with this subsection, all other statutes and rules governing the procedures in civil actions shall continue to apply to those proceedings of which a record is made by electronic audio or video recording.

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