

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 234
By: Harris
Judiciary
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Because of the increase in criminal case filings there has been discussion about adding a third grand jury in Tarrant County. The current statute governing appointment of bailiffs to serve grand juries in Tarrant County would prevent the hiring of the necessary grand jury bailiff to serve a third grand jury, should it ever be created.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

The bill amends Section 53.002(g), Government Code, by striking the reference to a total number of grand jury bailiffs that may be appointed to serve grand juries in Tarrant County as well as reference to a "board" of district judges, which does not exist.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Immediately on receipt of required vote, otherwise September 1, 2005