

By: Smith of Tarrant

H.B. No. 389

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the appointment of grand jury bailiffs in Tarrant
3 County.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 53.002(g), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (g) The judge of each district court in Tarrant County that
8 gives preference to criminal cases and the judge of each criminal
9 district court in Tarrant County may appoint two persons to serve as
10 bailiffs. Notwithstanding Section 53.071 or Article 19.36, Code
11 of Criminal Procedure, the ~~[board of]~~ district judges of the courts
12 in Tarrant County that give preference to criminal cases and the
13 criminal district courts in Tarrant County may appoint one bailiff
14 for each grand jury. ~~[The total number of grand jury bailiffs shall~~
15 ~~not exceed two.]~~

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.