By: Eiland H.B. No. 2569

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the office of district attorney for the 253rd Judicial District and to the creation of the office of district attorney for the 344th Judicial District.

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

SECTION 1. Section 43.170, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 43.170. 253RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT. (a) The voters of Liberty County [~~the 253rd Judicial District~~] elect a district attorney for the 253rd Judicial District who represents the state in that district only in that county and in all cases before the 75th District Court[~~, 253rd, and 344th district courts~~].

(b) The Commissioners Court [~~commissioners court~~] of Liberty County [~~one or more of the counties comprising the district~~] may supplement the state salary of the district attorney. [~~The supplemental compensation may not exceed $5,000 a year. The Commissioners Court of Chambers County shall pay 40 percent of any supplemental compensation, and the Commissioners Court of Liberty County shall pay 60 percent. The supplemental compensation must be paid from the officers' salary fund of the county. If the officers' salary fund of a county is not adequate, the commissioners court may transfer the necessary amount from the general fund of the county.~~]

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 43, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 43.1777 to read as follows:

Sec. 43.1777. 344TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT. (a) The voters of the 344th Judicial District elect a district attorney who represents the state in cases before the district courts of Chambers County.

(b) The Commissioners Court of Chambers County may supplement the state salary of the district attorney. The supplemental compensation may not exceed $5,000 a year.

SECTION 3. Section 46.002, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 46.002. PROSECUTORS SUBJECT TO CHAPTER. This chapter applies to all county prosecutors and to the following state prosecutors:

(1) the district attorneys for the 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 12th, 18th, 21st, 23rd, 25th, 26th, 27th, 29th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 38th, 42nd, 43rd, 47th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 63rd, 64th, 66th, 69th, 70th, 76th, 81st, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 88th, 90th, 97th, 100th, 105th, 106th, 110th, 118th, 119th, 123rd, 142nd, 145th, 156th, 159th, 173rd, 196th, 198th, 216th, 220th, 229th, 235th, 253rd, 258th, 259th, 266th, 268th, 271st, 278th, 286th, 329th, 344th, 349th, and 355th judicial districts;

(2) the criminal district attorneys for the counties of Anderson, Austin, Bastrop, Bexar, Bowie, Brazoria, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cass, Collin, Comal, Dallas, Deaf Smith, Denton, Eastland, Galveston, Grayson, Gregg, Harrison, Hays, Hidalgo, Jasper, Jefferson, Kaufman, Lubbock, McLennan, Madison, Navarro, Newton, Panola, Polk, Randall, Rockwall, San Jacinto, Smith, Tarrant, Taylor, Tyler, Upshur, Van Zandt, Victoria, Walker, Waller,

Wichita, Wood, and Yoakum; and

(3) the county attorneys performing the duties of district attorneys in the counties of Andrews, Callahan, Cameron, Castro, Colorado, Crosby, Ellis, Falls, Fannin, Freestone, Lamar, Lamb, Lampasas, Lee, Limestone, Marion, Milam, Morris, Ochiltree, Orange, Rains, Red River, Robertson, Rusk, Terry, Webb, and Willacy.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 2009.