

AN ACT

relating to the exchange of benches between justices of the peace.

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

SECTION 1. Section 27.054, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27.054. EXCHANGE OF BENCHES. (a) A justice of the peace may hold court for any other justice in any [~~the~~] county at the request of that justice.

(b) The justices of any [~~a~~] county may exchange benches for a period not to exceed five days if they consider it expedient.

(c) A justice who exchanges benches with another justice is not entitled to receive compensation from the commissioners court of the county in which the regular justice serves.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

H.B. No. 3441

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3441 was passed by the House on May 13, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3441 was passed by the Senate on May 25, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor