

1-1 By: Herrero (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 3441  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 16, 2005;  
1-3 May 17, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 21, 2005, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 21, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the exchange of benches between justices of the peace.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Section 27.054, Government Code, is amended to  
1-11 read as follows:

1-12 Sec. 27.054. EXCHANGE OF BENCHES. (a) A justice of the  
1-13 peace may hold court for any other justice in any [~~the~~] county at  
1-14 the request of that justice.

1-15 (b) The justices of any [a] county may exchange benches for  
1-16 a period not to exceed five days if they consider it expedient.

1-17 (c) A justice who exchanges benches with another justice is  
1-18 not entitled to receive compensation from the commissioners court  
1-19 of the county in which the regular justice serves.

1-20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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