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S.B. No. 234

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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