

1-1 By: Harris S.B. No. 234
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 24, 2005; February 3, 2005,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;
1-4 February 17, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 4, Nays 0; February 17, 2005, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the appointment of grand jury bailiffs in Tarrant
1-9 County.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (g), Section 53.002, Government Code,
1-12 is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (g) The judge of each district court in Tarrant County that
1-14 gives preference to criminal cases and the judge of each criminal
1-15 district court in Tarrant County may appoint two persons to serve as
1-16 bailiffs. Notwithstanding Section 53.071 or Article 19.36, Code of
1-17 Criminal Procedure, the ~~[board of]~~ district judges of the courts in
1-18 Tarrant County that give preference to criminal cases and the
1-19 criminal district courts in Tarrant County may appoint one bailiff
1-20 for each grand jury. ~~[The total number of grand jury bailiffs shall~~
1-21 ~~not exceed two.]~~

1-22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-26 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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