

1-1 By: Harris S.B. No. 235  
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 qualifications of bailiffs and grand jury bailiffs  
1-9 for certain courts.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 53.004, Government Code,  
1-12 is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (b) To be eligible to be appointed bailiff in the 30th,  
1-14 78th, 86th, 89th, 97th, or 341st district court, the County Court of  
1-15 Harrison County, a court described in Section 53.002(c), a district  
1-16 court in Taylor County, or a county court at law of Taylor County,  
1-17 [~~bailiff or grand jury bailiff in a district court in Tarrant County~~  
1-18 ~~that gives preference to criminal cases, or bailiff or grand jury~~  
1-19 ~~bailiff in a criminal district court in Tarrant County,~~] a person  
1-20 must be a resident of the county in which the person serves the  
1-21 court and must be at least 21 years old.

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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