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S.B. No. 1534

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the appointment of a bailiff for the 22nd District Court.

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

SECTION 1. Section 53.001(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The judges of the [~~22nd~~] 30th, 70th, 71st, 78th, 89th, 161st, and 341st district courts, the judges of the district courts having jurisdiction in Taylor County, the judges of the county courts at law of Taylor County, and the judge of the County Court of Harrison County shall each appoint a bailiff.

SECTION 2. Section 53.004(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A bailiff in the [~~22nd~~] 34th, 70th, 71st, or 161st district court must be a resident of the county in which he serves the court and must be at least 18 years old.

SECTION 3. Section 53.007(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) This section applies to:

(1) the [~~22nd~~] 34th, 70th, 71st, 86th, 97th, 142nd, 161st, 238th, 318th, 341st, 355th, and 385th district courts;

(2) the County Court of Harrison County;

(3) the criminal district courts of Tarrant County;

(4) the district courts in Taylor County;

1           (5) the courts described in Section 53.002(c), (d),  
2 (e), or (f);

3           (6) the county courts at law of Taylor County; and

4           (7) the district courts in Tarrant County that give  
5 preference to criminal cases.

6           SECTION 4. Section 53.008, Government Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8           Sec. 53.008. OATH. The bailiffs of the [~~22nd,~~ 34th, 70th,  
9 86th, 97th, 142nd, 161st, 238th, 318th, 341st, 355th, and 385th  
10 district courts, the bailiffs of the courts described in Section  
11 53.002(c), (d), (e), or (f), the bailiffs and the grand jury  
12 bailiffs of the district courts in Tarrant County that give  
13 preference to criminal cases, the bailiffs and grand jury bailiffs  
14 of the criminal district courts in Tarrant County, the bailiffs of  
15 the district courts in Taylor County, and the bailiffs of the county  
16 courts at law of Taylor County shall each swear to the following  
17 oath, to be administered by the judge: "I solemnly swear that I  
18 will faithfully and impartially perform all duties as may be  
19 required of me by law, so help me God."

20           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.