

**BILL ANALYSIS**

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**AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Under current law, a bailiff of the 97th District Court may only serve in the county in which he or she resides. This bill seeks to resolve inconsistencies and increased costs that arise from the requirement that the 97th District Court judge appoint a bailiff to each of the three counties within the district.

As proposed, S.B. 272 authorizes a bailiff to serve in two or more counties within the 97th District Court, which consists of Clay, Archer, and Montague counties.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

**SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 53.001(d), Government Code, as follows:

(d) Authorizes a bailiff to serve the court in multiple counties within the 97th district, at the judge's discretion.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 53.004(b), Government Code, as follows:

(b) Removes the 97th district court from the list of courts affected by this section, which requires the bailiff to be a resident of the county in which he or she serves and be at least 21 years old.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 53.009, Government Code, by adding Subsection (m), as follows:

(m) Entitles a bailiff of the 97th District Court serving in more than one county to a salary determined by the judge and approved by the commissioners court in each county served. Requires the amount to be apportioned by the judge among the counties in which the bailiff serves. Requires the judge to notify in writing each commissioners court of the amount to be paid by the county.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2007.