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H.B. No. 3972

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a bailiff to serve the 115th District Court in Upshur  
3 County.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 53.001, Government Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

7 (j) The judge of the 115th District Court shall appoint a  
8 bailiff to serve the court only in Upshur County.

9 SECTION 2. Section 53.004, Government Code, is amended by  
10 adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

11 (g) A bailiff appointed by the judge of the 115th District  
12 Court to serve the court in Upshur County must be:

13 (1) a resident of that county; and

14 (2) at least 18 years of age.

15 SECTION 3. Sections 53.007(a) and (b), Government Code, are  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 (a) This section applies to:

18 (1) the 22nd, 34th, 70th, 71st, 86th, 97th, 142nd,  
19 161st, 238th, 318th, 341st, 355th, and 385th district courts;

20 (2) the County Court of Harrison County;

21 (3) the criminal district courts of Tarrant County;

22 (4) the district courts in Taylor County;

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

1 (6) the county courts at law of Taylor County; [~~and~~]

2 (7) the district courts in Tarrant County that give  
3 preference to criminal cases; and

4 (8) the 115th District Court in Upshur County.

5 (b) On the request of the judge of a court to which this  
6 section applies other than the 115th District Court, the sheriff of  
7 each county in which the court sits shall deputize the bailiff or  
8 grand jury bailiff appointed under this subchapter of that court,  
9 in addition to other deputies authorized by law. On the request of  
10 the judge of the 115th District Court, the sheriff of Upshur County  
11 shall deputize the bailiff appointed by that judge under Section  
12 53.001(j), in addition to other deputies authorized by law.

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.