

1-1 By: Hughes (Senate Sponsor - Eltife) H.B. No. 3972
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2007;
1-3 April 26, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 19, 2007, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 19, 2007, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to a bailiff to serve the 115th District Court in Upshur
1-9 County.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 53.001, Government Code, is amended by
1-12 adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

1-13 (j) The judge of the 115th District Court shall appoint a
1-14 bailiff to serve the court only in Upshur County.

1-15 SECTION 2. Section 53.004, Government Code, is amended by
1-16 adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

1-17 (g) A bailiff appointed by the judge of the 115th District
1-18 Court to serve the court in Upshur County must be:

1-19 (1) a resident of that county; and

1-20 (2) at least 18 years of age.

1-21 SECTION 3. Sections 53.007(a) and (b), Government Code, are
1-22 amended to read as follows:

1-23 (a) This section applies to:

1-24 (1) the 22nd, 34th, 70th, 71st, 86th, 97th, 142nd,
1-25 161st, 238th, 318th, 341st, 355th, and 385th district courts;

1-26 (2) the County Court of Harrison County;

1-27 (3) the criminal district courts of Tarrant County;

1-28 (4) the district courts in Taylor County;

1-29 (5) the courts described in Section 53.002(c), (d),

1-30 (e), or (f);

1-31 (6) the county courts at law of Taylor County; ~~and~~

1-32 (7) the district courts in Tarrant County that give
1-33 preference to criminal cases; and

1-34 (8) the 115th District Court in Upshur County.

1-35 (b) On the request of the judge of a court to which this
1-36 section applies other than the 115th District Court, the sheriff of
1-37 each county in which the court sits shall deputize the bailiff or
1-38 grand jury bailiff appointed under this subchapter of that court,
1-39 in addition to other deputies authorized by law. On the request of
1-40 the judge of the 115th District Court, the sheriff of Upshur County
1-41 shall deputize the bailiff appointed by that judge under Section
1-42 53.001(j), in addition to other deputies authorized by law.

1-43 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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