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AN ACT

relating to the seal of a district court used on process issued by the court.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (d), Section 51.301, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) Each district clerk shall be provided with a seal for the district court. The seal must have a five-pointed star and must be engraved with the words "District Court of _____ County, Texas." The seal shall be impressed on all process issued by the court except subpoenas and shall be kept and used by the clerk to authenticate official acts. The seal may be created using an electronic means, including by using an optical disk or another electronic reproduction technique, if the means by which the seal is impressed on an original document created using the same type of electronic means does not allow for changes, additions, or deletions to be made to the document.

SECTION 2. Subsection (d), Section 51.301, Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies to a process, other than a subpoena, issued by a court on or after the effective date of this Act. A process issued by a court before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the process was issued, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.