

By: Harris

S.B. No. 229

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the seal of a district court used on process issued by
3 the court.

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

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

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

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

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