

1-1 By: Harris S.B. No. 229
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1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;
1-4 February 19, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote:
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the seal of a district court used on process issued by
1-9 the court.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (d), Section 51.301, Government Code,
1-12 is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (d) Each district clerk shall be provided with a seal for
1-14 the district court. The seal must have a five-pointed star and must
1-15 be engraved with the words "District Court of _____ County,
1-16 Texas." The seal shall be impressed on all process issued by the
1-17 court except subpoenas and shall be kept and used by the clerk to
1-18 authenticate official acts. The seal may be created using an
1-19 electronic means, including by using an optical disk or another
1-20 electronic reproduction technique, if the means by which the seal
1-21 is impressed on an original document created using the same type of
1-22 electronic means does not allow for changes, additions, or
1-23 deletions to be made to the document.

1-24 SECTION 2. Subsection (d), Section 51.301, Government Code,
1-25 as amended by this Act, applies to a process, other than a subpoena,
1-26 issued by a court on or after the effective date of this Act. A
1-27 process issued by a court before the effective date of this Act is
1-28 governed by the law in effect on the date the process was issued,
1-29 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-30 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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