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S.B. No. 272

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the appointment of bailiffs for the 97th Judicial  
3 District.

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

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

7 (d) The judge of the 97th District Court shall appoint a  
8 bailiff for each county in the district. At the discretion of the  
9 judge, a bailiff may serve the court in more than one county of the  
10 district.

11 SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 53.004, Government Code,  
12 is amended to read as follows:

13 (b) To be eligible to be appointed bailiff in the 30th,  
14 78th, 86th, 89th, [~~97th~~] or 341st district court, the County Court  
15 of Harrison County, a court described in Section 53.002(c), a  
16 district court in Taylor County, or a county court at law of Taylor  
17 County, a person must be a resident of the county in which the  
18 person serves the court and must be at least 21 years old.

19 SECTION 3. Section 53.009, Government Code, is amended by  
20 adding Subsection (m) to read as follows:

21 (m) A bailiff of the 97th District Court that serves the  
22 court in more than one county is entitled to receive a salary set by  
23 the judge and approved by the commissioners court of each of the  
24 counties in which the bailiff is designated to serve. The salary

1 shall be apportioned by the judge among the counties in which the  
2 bailiff is designated to serve. The judge shall give each  
3 commissioners court in the district written notification of the  
4 amount of compensation to be paid by the county.

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