

1-1 By: Estes S.B. No. 272
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 23, 2007; January 30, 2007,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;
1-4 February 19, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4,
1-5 Nays 0; February 19, 2007, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the appointment of bailiffs for the 97th Judicial
1-9 District.

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

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

1-13 (d) The judge of the 97th District Court shall appoint a
1-14 bailiff for each county in the district. At the discretion of the
1-15 judge, a bailiff may serve the court in more than one county of the
1-16 district.

1-17 SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 53.004, Government Code,
1-18 is amended to read as follows:

1-19 (b) To be eligible to be appointed bailiff in the 30th,
1-20 78th, 86th, 89th, [~~97th~~] or 341st district court, the County Court
1-21 of Harrison County, a court described in Section 53.002(c), a
1-22 district court in Taylor County, or a county court at law of Taylor
1-23 County, a person must be a resident of the county in which the
1-24 person serves the court and must be at least 21 years old.

1-25 SECTION 3. Section 53.009, Government Code, is amended by
1-26 adding Subsection (m) to read as follows:

1-27 (m) A bailiff of the 97th District Court that serves the
1-28 court in more than one county is entitled to receive a salary set by
1-29 the judge and approved by the commissioners court of each of the
1-30 counties in which the bailiff is designated to serve. The salary
1-31 shall be apportioned by the judge among the counties in which the
1-32 bailiff is designated to serve. The judge shall give each
1-33 commissioners court in the district written notification of the
1-34 amount of compensation to be paid by the county.

1-35 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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