

1-1 By: Gallegos S.B. No. 1230
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1230 By: Harris

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the licensing of court interpreters.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 57.002, Government Code, is amended by
1-13 adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

1-14 (f) A licensed court interpreter appointed by a court under
1-15 Subsection (a) or (b) must hold a license that includes the
1-16 appropriate designation under Section 57.043(d) that indicates the
1-17 interpreter is permitted to interpret in that court.

1-18 SECTION 2. Section 57.043, Government Code, is amended by
1-19 adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

1-20 (d) A license issued under this subchapter must include at
1-21 least one of the following designations:

1-22 (1) a basic designation that permits the interpreter
1-23 to interpret court proceedings in justice and municipal courts; or

1-24 (2) a master designation that permits the interpreter
1-25 to interpret court proceedings in all state courts, including
1-26 justice and municipal courts.

1-27 (e) In adopting rules relating to licensing under this
1-28 subchapter, the commission shall prescribe the qualifications
1-29 required for a license that includes a basic designation and for a
1-30 license that includes a master designation.

1-31 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
1-32 a court interpreter license issued or renewed on or after the
1-33 effective date of this Act. A court interpreter license issued or
1-34 renewed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law
1-35 in effect on the date the license was issued or renewed, and the
1-36 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-37 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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