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H.B. No. 1551

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the appointment of additional official court reporters  
3 for the district courts in Nueces County.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 52, Government Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 52.049 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 52.049. ADDITIONAL DISTRICT COURT REPORTERS IN NUECES  
8 COUNTY. (a) The judges of the district courts in Nueces County  
9 may employ additional official court reporters to serve the  
10 district courts in Nueces County if a majority of the district court  
11 judges believe more official court reporters are necessary.

12 (b) The district court judges shall, by majority vote,  
13 determine the method of hiring the additional official court  
14 reporters.

15 (c) The presiding judge of the district courts of Nueces  
16 County shall determine the assignments of the additional official  
17 court reporters.

18 (d) The total number of official court reporters serving the  
19 district courts of Nueces County may not exceed the amount that  
20 equals one and one-half full-time employees multiplied by the  
21 number of district courts in Nueces County.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.