

1-1 By: Herrero (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 1551  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2009;  
1-3 May 1, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 14, 2009, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 14, 2009, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the appointment of additional official court reporters  
1-9 for the district courts in Nueces County.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 52, Government Code, is  
1-12 amended by adding Section 52.049 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 52.049. ADDITIONAL DISTRICT COURT REPORTERS IN NUECES  
1-14 COUNTY. (a) The judges of the district courts in Nueces County  
1-15 may employ additional official court reporters to serve the  
1-16 district courts in Nueces County if a majority of the district court  
1-17 judges believe more official court reporters are necessary.

1-18 (b) The district court judges shall, by majority vote,  
1-19 determine the method of hiring the additional official court  
1-20 reporters.

1-21 (c) The presiding judge of the district courts of Nueces  
1-22 County shall determine the assignments of the additional official  
1-23 court reporters.

1-24 (d) The total number of official court reporters serving the  
1-25 district courts of Nueces County may not exceed the amount that  
1-26 equals one and one-half full-time employees multiplied by the  
1-27 number of district courts in Nueces County.

1-28 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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