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S.B. No. 2554

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a bailiff for the 130th District Court.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 53.002, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The judges of the 34th, 86th, 130th, 142nd, 238th, 318th, 355th, and 385th district courts may each appoint a bailiff.

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

(b) To be eligible to be appointed bailiff in the 30th, 78th, 86th, 89th, 130th, or 341st district court, the County Court of Harrison County, a court described in Section 53.002(c), a district court in Taylor County, or a county court at law of Taylor County, a person must be a resident of the county in which the person serves the court and must be at least 21 years old.

SECTION 3. Subsection (a), Section 53.007, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) This section applies to:

(1) the 22nd, 34th, 70th, 71st, 86th, 97th, 130th, 142nd, 161st, 238th, 318th, 341st, 355th, and 385th district courts;

(2) the County Court of Harrison County;

(3) the criminal district courts of Tarrant County;

(4) the district courts in Taylor County;

- 1 (5) the courts described in Section 53.002(c), (d),
- 2 (e), or (f);
- 3 (6) the county courts at law of Taylor County;
- 4 (7) the district courts in Tarrant County that give
- 5 preference to criminal cases; and
- 6 (8) the 115th District Court in Upshur County.

7 SECTION 4. Section 53.008, Government Code, is amended to

8 read as follows:

9 Sec. 53.008. OATH. The bailiffs of the 22nd, 34th, 70th,

10 86th, 97th, 130th, 142nd, 161st, 238th, 318th, 341st, 355th, and

11 385th district courts, the bailiffs of the courts described in

12 Section 53.002(c), (d), (e), or (f), the bailiffs and the grand jury

13 bailiffs of the district courts in Tarrant County that give

14 preference to criminal cases, the bailiffs and grand jury bailiffs

15 of the criminal district courts in Tarrant County, the bailiffs of

16 the district courts in Taylor County, and the bailiffs of the county

17 courts at law of Taylor County shall each swear to the following

18 oath, to be administered by the judge: "I solemnly swear that I

19 will faithfully and impartially perform all duties as may be

20 required of me by law, so help me God."

21 SECTION 5. Section 53.009, Government Code, is amended by

22 adding Subsection (n) to read as follows:

23 (n) A bailiff appointed by the judge of the 130th District

24 Court is entitled to receive a salary set by the Commissioners Court

25 of Matagorda County in an amount that is not less than the salary of

26 a deputy sheriff regularly assigned to patrol duty in that county.

27 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.