

1-1 By: Hegar S.B. No. 2554  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed April 23, 2009; April 23, 2009, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;  
1-4 April 30, 2009, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; April 30, 2009,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2554 By: Wentworth

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

1-10 relating to a bailiff for the 130th District Court.  
1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-12 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 53.002, Government Code,  
1-13 is amended to read as follows:  
1-14 (a) The judges of the 34th, 86th, 130th, 142nd, 238th,  
1-15 318th, 355th, and 385th district courts may each appoint a bailiff.  
1-16 SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 53.004, Government Code,  
1-17 is amended to read as follows:  
1-18 (b) To be eligible to be appointed bailiff in the 30th,  
1-19 78th, 86th, 89th, 130th, or 341st district court, the County Court  
1-20 of Harrison County, a court described in Section 53.002(c), a  
1-21 district court in Taylor County, or a county court at law of Taylor  
1-22 County, a person must be a resident of the county in which the  
1-23 person serves the court and must be at least 21 years old.  
1-24 SECTION 3. Subsection (a), Section 53.007, Government Code,  
1-25 is amended to read as follows:  
1-26 (a) This section applies to:  
1-27 (1) the 22nd, 34th, 70th, 71st, 86th, 97th, 130th,  
1-28 142nd, 161st, 238th, 318th, 341st, 355th, and 385th district  
1-29 courts;  
1-30 (2) the County Court of Harrison County;  
1-31 (3) the criminal district courts of Tarrant County;  
1-32 (4) the district courts in Taylor County;  
1-33 (5) the courts described in Section 53.002(c), (d),  
1-34 (e), or (f);  
1-35 (6) the county courts at law of Taylor County;  
1-36 (7) the district courts in Tarrant County that give  
1-37 preference to criminal cases; and  
1-38 (8) the 115th District Court in Upshur County.  
1-39 SECTION 4. Section 53.008, Government Code, is amended to  
1-40 read as follows:  
1-41 Sec. 53.008. OATH. The bailiffs of the 22nd, 34th, 70th,  
1-42 86th, 97th, 130th, 142nd, 161st, 238th, 318th, 341st, 355th, and  
1-43 385th district courts, the bailiffs of the courts described in  
1-44 Section 53.002(c), (d), (e), or (f), the bailiffs and the grand jury  
1-45 bailiffs of the district courts in Tarrant County that give  
1-46 preference to criminal cases, the bailiffs and grand jury bailiffs  
1-47 of the criminal district courts in Tarrant County, the bailiffs of  
1-48 the district courts in Taylor County, and the bailiffs of the county  
1-49 courts at law of Taylor County shall each swear to the following  
1-50 oath, to be administered by the judge: "I solemnly swear that I  
1-51 will faithfully and impartially perform all duties as may be  
1-52 required of me by law, so help me God."  
1-53 SECTION 5. Section 53.009, Government Code, is amended by  
1-54 adding Subsection (n) to read as follows:  
1-55 (n) A bailiff appointed by the judge of the 130th District  
1-56 Court is entitled to receive a salary set by the Commissioners Court  
1-57 of Matagorda County in an amount that is not less than the salary of  
1-58 a deputy sheriff regularly assigned to patrol duty in that county.  
1-59 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-60 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-61 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-62 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-63 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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