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H.B. No. 3386

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to bailiffs in the county courts at law of Tarrant County.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.2222, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) At least one bailiff shall be assigned regularly to each of the county courts at law of Tarrant County.

(c-1) The judge of each respective county court at law of Tarrant County may appoint one officer to act as bailiff of the judge's court. The bailiff appointed by the judge serves at the pleasure of the county court to which a bailiff is appointed, holds office at the will of the judge of the county court to which a bailiff is appointed, and shall perform the duties required by the judge of the court to which the bailiff is appointed.

(c-2) If the judge of a county court at law of Tarrant County does not appoint an officer to act as bailiff, the sheriff of Tarrant County shall assign a bailiff for said court upon written request of the judge. The bailiff assigned by the sheriff serves at the pleasure of the county court to which a bailiff is assigned, and shall perform the duties required by the judge of the court to which the bailiff is assigned.

(c-3) Upon request of a county court at law judge, the sheriff shall immediately assign a bailiff to the county court at law to fill any temporary absence of the regularly appointed or

1 assigned bailiff.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.