By: Perry S.B. No. 1913

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to a court administrator in certain counties.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 4 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 75.401, Government Code,
- 5 is amended to read as follows:
- 6 Sec. 75.401. COURT ADMINISTRATOR SYSTEM FOR <u>DISTRICT AND</u>
- 7 STATUTORY COUNTY COURTS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES.
- 8 SECTION 2. Sections 75.401(a), (b), (c), (d), and (e),
- 9 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 10 (a) In a county that has more than one <u>district court or</u>
- 11 statutory [county criminal court or more than one] county court [at
- 12 law having both criminal and civil jurisdiction], those courts may
- 13 establish and maintain, on approval of the commissioners court, a
- 14 court administrator system.
- 15 (b) The judges of the district courts [county criminal
- 16 courts] or the statutory county courts may [at law having both
- 17 criminal and civil jurisdiction shall] by <u>local</u> rule designate
- 18 <u>local court divisions and</u> the duties of the court administrator <u>for</u>
- 19 each division, if applicable. The court administrator shall
- 20 cooperate with <u>regional</u>, <u>presiding</u>, <u>and local</u> [the] administrative
- 21 judges and state agencies having duties relating to the operation
- 22 of the courts to promote uniform and efficient administration of
- 23 justice.
- 24 (c) The court administrator is appointed by the judges of

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- 1 the <u>district courts or</u> [county criminal courts or] the <u>statutory</u>
- 2 county courts served by the court administrator. The court
- 3 <u>administrator</u> [at law having both criminal and civil jurisdiction
- 4 and] serves at the pleasure of those [the] judges.
- 5 (d) A court administrator is entitled to reasonable
- 6 compensation, facilities, and equipment as determined by the judges
- 7 <u>served</u>, with the approval of [as set by] the commissioners court.
- 8 (e) The judges of the courts served by the court
- 9 <u>administrator</u>, with the approval of the commissioners court, shall
- 10 appoint appropriate staff and support personnel according to the
- 11 needs of the local jurisdiction.
- 12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.