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H.B. No. 2916

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the appointment of a bailiff by district courts and county courts at law in Bowie County.

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

SECTION 1. Section 53.001, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (k) to read as follows:

(k) The judges of the 5th, 102nd, and 202nd district courts and the judges of the county courts at law of Bowie County shall appoint one or more bailiffs to serve the courts in Bowie County.

SECTION 2. Section 53.007(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) This section applies to:

- (1) the 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;
- (5) the courts described in Section 53.002(c), (d), (e), or (f);
- (6) the county courts at law of Taylor County;
- (7) the district courts in Tarrant County that give preference to criminal cases; ~~and~~
- (8) the 115th District Court in Upshur County; and
- (9) the 5th, 102nd, and 202nd district courts and the

1 county courts at law of Bowie County.

2 SECTION 3. Section 53.0071, Government Code, is amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 Sec. 53.0071. BAILIFF AS PEACE OFFICER. Unless the  
5 appointing judge provides otherwise in the order of appointment, a  
6 bailiff appointed under Section 53.001(b), ~~[or]~~ (g), or (k) or  
7 53.002(c), (e), or (f) is a "peace officer" for purposes of Article  
8 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.