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H.B. No. 2916

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the appointment of a bailiff by district courts and  
3 county courts at law in Bowie County.

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

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

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

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

12 (a) This section applies to:

13 (1) the 34th, 70th, 71st, 86th, 97th, 130th, 142nd,  
14 161st, 238th, 318th, 341st, 355th, and 385th district courts;

15 (2) the County Court of Harrison County;

16 (3) the criminal district courts of Tarrant County;

17 (4) the district courts in Taylor County;

18 (5) the courts described in Section 53.002(c), (d),  
19 (e), or (f);

20 (6) the county courts at law of Taylor County;

21 (7) the district courts in Tarrant County that give  
22 preference to criminal cases; ~~and~~

23 (8) the 115th District Court in Upshur County; and

24 (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.