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S.B. No. 997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the duties of the district attorney for the 1st Judicial  
3 District and the creation of the office of district attorney for the  
4 273rd Judicial District.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 43.101, Government Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 43.101. 1ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT. The voters of [~~Sabine~~  
9 ~~and~~] San Augustine County [~~counties~~] elect a district attorney for  
10 the 1st Judicial District who represents the state in the [~~that~~]  
11 district courts in that county [~~court only in those counties~~].

12 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 43, Government Code, is  
13 amended by adding Section 43.1742 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 43.1742. 273RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT. The voters of  
15 Sabine County elect a district attorney for the 273rd Judicial  
16 District who represents the state in the district courts in that  
17 county.

18 SECTION 3. Section 46.002, Government Code, is amended to  
19 read as follows:

20 Sec. 46.002. PROSECUTORS SUBJECT TO CHAPTER. This chapter  
21 applies to the state prosecuting attorney, all county prosecutors,  
22 and the following state prosecutors:

23 (1) the district attorneys for Kenedy and Kleberg  
24 Counties and for the 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 18th, 21st, 23rd, 24th,

1 26th, 27th, 29th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 38th, 39th,  
2 42nd, 43rd, 46th, 47th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 63rd, 64th,  
3 66th, 69th, 70th, 76th, 79th, 81st, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 88th, 90th,  
4 97th, 100th, 105th, 106th, 109th, 110th, 112th, 118th, 119th,  
5 123rd, 132nd, 142nd, 143rd, 145th, 156th, 159th, 173rd, 196th,  
6 198th, 216th, 220th, 229th, 235th, 253rd, 258th, 259th, 266th,  
7 268th, 271st, 273rd, 286th, 287th, 329th, 344th, 349th, 355th,  
8 369th, 452nd, and 506th judicial districts;

9           (2) the criminal district attorneys for the counties  
10 of Anderson, Austin, Bastrop, Bexar, Bowie, Brazoria, Caldwell,  
11 Calhoun, Cass, Collin, Comal, Dallas, Deaf Smith, Denton, Eastland,  
12 Fannin, Galveston, Grayson, Gregg, Harrison, Hays, Hidalgo,  
13 Jasper, Jefferson, Kaufman, Kendall, Lubbock, McLennan, Madison,  
14 Medina, Navarro, Newton, Panola, Polk, Randall, Rockwall, San  
15 Jacinto, Smith, Tarrant, Taylor, Tyler, Upshur, Van Zandt,  
16 Victoria, Walker, Waller, Wichita, Wood, and Yoakum; and

17           (3) the county attorneys performing the duties of  
18 district attorneys in the counties of Andrews, Aransas, Burleson,  
19 Callahan, Cameron, Castro, Colorado, Crosby, Ellis, Falls,  
20 Freestone, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Lamar, Lamb, Lampasas, Lavaca,  
21 Lee, Limestone, Marion, Milam, Morris, Ochiltree, Oldham, Orange,  
22 Rains, Red River, Robertson, Rusk, Swisher, Terry, Webb, and  
23 Willacy.

24           SECTION 4. (a) The office of district attorney for the  
25 273rd Judicial District is created on the effective date of this  
26 Act.

27           (b) The office of district attorney for the 273rd Judicial

1 District exists for purposes of the primary and general elections  
2 in 2028.

3 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect January 1, 2029.