

AN ACT

relating to the appointment of bailiffs for the 97th Judicial District.

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

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

(d) The judge of the 97th District Court shall appoint a bailiff for each county in the district. At the discretion of the judge, a bailiff may serve the court in more than one county of the district.

SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 53.004, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) To be eligible to be appointed bailiff in the 30th, 78th, 86th, 89th, [~~97th~~] or 341st district court, the County Court of Harrison County, a court described in Section 53.002(c), a district court in Taylor County, or a county court at law of Taylor County, a person must be a resident of the county in which the person serves the court and must be at least 21 years old.

SECTION 3. Section 53.009, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (m) to read as follows:

(m) A bailiff of the 97th District Court that serves the court in more than one county is entitled to receive a salary set by the judge and approved by the commissioners court of each of the counties in which the bailiff is designated to serve. The salary

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1 shall be apportioned by the judge among the counties in which the  
2 bailiff is designated to serve. The judge shall give each  
3 commissioners court in the district written notification of the  
4 amount of compensation to be paid by the county.

5 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007. \_\_\_\_\_

David Newkum  
President of the Senate

Jon Corbett  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 272 passed the Senate on  
March 14, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0. \_\_\_\_\_

Atty. Gen.  
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 272 passed the House on  
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Robert Haney  
Chief Clerk of the House

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