

Chapter 890

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to a bailiff for the 130th District Court.

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

4 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 53.002, Government Code,  
5 is amended to read as follows:

6 (a) The judges of the 34th, 86th, 130th, 142nd, 238th,  
7 318th, 355th, and 385th district courts may each appoint a bailiff.

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

10 (b) To be eligible to be appointed bailiff in the 30th,  
11 78th, 86th, 89th, 130th, or 341st district court, the County Court  
12 of Harrison County, a court described in Section 53.002(c), a  
13 district court in Taylor County, or a county court at law of Taylor  
14 County, a person must be a resident of the county in which the  
15 person serves the court and must be at least 21 years old.

16 SECTION 3. Subsection (a), Section 53.007, Government Code,  
17 is amended to read as follows:

- 18 (a) This section applies to:
- 19 (1) the 22nd, 34th, 70th, 71st, 86th, 97th, 130th,
  - 20 142nd, 161st, 238th, 318th, 341st, 355th, and 385th district
  - 21 courts;
  - 22 (2) the County Court of Harrison County;
  - 23 (3) the criminal district courts of Tarrant County;
  - 24 (4) the district courts in Taylor County;

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

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

4 (7) the district courts in Tarrant County that give  
5 preference to criminal cases; and

6 (8) the 115th District Court in Upshur County.

7 SECTION 4. Section 53.008, Government Code, is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 Sec. 53.008. OATH. The bailiffs of the 22nd, 34th, 70th,  
10 86th, 97th, 130th, 142nd, 161st, 238th, 318th, 341st, 355th, and  
11 385th district courts, the bailiffs of the courts described in  
12 Section 53.002(c), (d), (e), or (f), the bailiffs and the grand jury  
13 bailiffs of the district courts in Tarrant County that give  
14 preference to criminal cases, the bailiffs and grand jury bailiffs  
15 of the criminal district courts in Tarrant County, the bailiffs of  
16 the district courts in Taylor County, and the bailiffs of the county  
17 courts at law of Taylor County shall each swear to the following  
18 oath, to be administered by the judge: "I solemnly swear that I  
19 will faithfully and impartially perform all duties as may be  
20 required of me by law, so help me God."

21 SECTION 5. Section 53.009, Government Code, is amended by  
22 adding Subsection (n) to read as follows:

23 (n) A bailiff appointed by the judge of the 130th District  
24 Court is entitled to receive a salary set by the Commissioners Court  
25 of Matagorda County in an amount that is not less than the salary of  
26 a deputy sheriff regularly assigned to patrol duty in that county.

27 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2009. \_\_\_\_\_

David Newkirk  
President of the Senate

Jim Strawn  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2554 passed the Senate on  
May 5, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0. \_\_\_\_\_

Ratsy Gaur  
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2554 passed the House on  
May 27, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 0, one  
present not voting. \_\_\_\_\_

Robert Haney  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

19 JUN '09  
Date

Rick Perry  
Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
2:10 O'CLOCK

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Colby Hunter III