

AN ACT

relating to the appointment of bailiffs in certain county criminal courts of Tarrant County.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.2223, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (j) and adding Subsections (j-1) and (j-2) to read as follows:

(j) At least two bailiffs shall be assigned regularly to the County Criminal Court No. 1 of Tarrant County and the County Criminal Court No. 2 of Tarrant County. Except as provided by Subsection (j-2), the [The] judges of the County Criminal Courts Nos. 1 and 2 of Tarrant County shall each appoint one officer to act as bailiff of the judge's court, and the sheriff of Tarrant County shall appoint a bailiff for each court as prescribed by law. The bailiffs serve at the pleasure of the court and shall perform the duties required by the judge of the court to which the bailiffs are assigned.

(j-1) At least two bailiffs shall be assigned regularly to the County Criminal Courts Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of Tarrant County. Except as provided by Subsection (j-2), each judge shall appoint one officer to act as the bailiff of the judge's court, and the sheriff of Tarrant County shall appoint a bailiff for each court as prescribed by law. A bailiff appointed under this subsection serves at the pleasure of the court and shall perform the

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1 duties required by the judge of the court to which the bailiff is
2 assigned.

3 (j-2) The judge of a county criminal court listed in
4 Subsection (j) or (j-1) may authorize the sheriff to appoint all
5 bailiffs in the judge's court. If the sheriff is authorized by a
6 judge to make the judge's appointment under this subsection, the
7 sheriff shall appoint at least two officers to act as bailiffs for
8 the judge's court. A bailiff appointed under this subsection
9 serves at the pleasure of the court and shall perform the duties
10 required by the judge of the court to which the bailiff is assigned.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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David Dewhurst
President of the Senate

Joe Straus
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1887 passed the Senate on April 14, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patryk Saw
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1887 passed the House on May 23, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Robert Nancy
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

RICK PERRY
Governor

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