

## CHAPTER 165

## S.B. No. 1275

An Act relating to the appointment of bailiffs for the county courts at law of Taylor County.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

**SECTION 1. BAILIFF APPOINTED BY JUDGE.** The judges of the county courts at law in Taylor County shall each appoint a person to serve as bailiff.

**SECTION 2. EVIDENCE OF APPOINTMENT.** An order signed by the appointing judge entered in the minutes of the court is evidence of the appointment of a bailiff.

**SECTION 3. OATH.** A bailiff shall swear to the following oath, to be administered by the appointing judge: "I solemnly swear that I will faithfully and impartially perform all duties as may be required of me by law, so help me God."

**SECTION 4. QUALIFICATIONS.** To be eligible to be appointed bailiff, a person must be a resident of Taylor County and must be at least 21 years old.

**SECTION 5. TERM OF OFFICE.** A bailiff holds office at the will of the judge of the court served by the bailiff.

**SECTION 6. DUTIES.** A bailiff is an officer of the court, shall perform all duties imposed on bailiffs under general law, and shall perform other duties required by the judge of the court that he serves.

**SECTION 7. BAILIFF DEPUTIZED.** On written request of the judge, the county sheriff shall deputize the bailiff in addition to other deputies authorized by law.

**SECTION 8. COMPENSATION.** A bailiff is entitled to receive from the county a salary set by the judge and approved by the commissioners court. The salary is paid out of the general fund of the county.

**SECTION 9. EMERGENCY.** The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on April 18, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 9, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved: May 24, 1985

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