

CHAPTER 106

S.B. No. 142

An Act relating to the appointment of public defenders by criminal district judges in Tarrant County; amending Subsection (a), Section 2, Chapter 501, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969 (Article 341-1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 2, Chapter 501, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular Session, 1969 (Article 341-1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

“(a) Each criminal district judge of Tarrant County ~~may~~ ~~shall~~ appoint one attorney to serve as a public defender and define his duties and responsibilities. A public defender serves at the pleasure of the appointing Judge.”

SECTION 2. 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, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on February 18, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 0;
passed the House on May 2, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved: May 17, 1985

Effective: Immediately