

CHAPTER 430

H.B. No. 1108

AN ACT

relating to appointment of a bailiff for the 355th District Court.

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

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

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

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

(e) To be eligible to be appointed bailiff *for the 355th District Court* or under Section 53.001(g), a person must be at least 21 years old and hold a peace officer license under Chapter 415 from the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

This subsection does not apply to a person serving as bailiff of a court described by Section 53.001(g) on September 1, 1991.

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

(a) This section applies to:

- (1) the 22nd, 34th, 70th, 71st, 86th, 97th, 142nd, 161st, 238th, 297th, 318th, [~~and~~] 341st, and 355th district courts;
- (2) the County Court of Harrison County;
- (3) the criminal district courts of Tarrant County;
- (4) the district courts in Taylor County;
- (5) the courts described in Section 53.002(c), 53.002(d), or 53.002(e); and
- (6) the county courts at law of Taylor County.

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

Sec. 53.008. OATH. The bailiffs of the 22nd, 34th, 70th, 86th, 97th, 142nd, 161st, 238th, 297th, 318th, [~~and~~] 341st, and 355th district courts, the bailiffs of the courts described in Section 53.002(c), 53.002(d), or 53.002(e), the grand jury bailiff of the 297th District Court, the bailiffs of the district courts in Taylor County, and the bailiffs of the county courts at law of Taylor County shall each swear to the following oath, to be administered by the 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 5. Section 53.009(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Each bailiff appointed by a judge of the 30th, 78th, [~~or~~] 89th, or 355th district court, by a district judge in Potter, Randall, or Taylor County, or by a judge of a county court at law of Potter or Taylor County is entitled to receive a salary set by the judge and approved by the commissioners court. The salary is paid out of the general fund of the county, except in Potter County, where the salary shall be set by the commissioners court.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 7. 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 by the House on April 23, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 22, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 6, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.