

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 1921  
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### **DIGEST**

Currently, the 84th Judicial District covers Hansford, Ochiltree, and Hutchinson counties. Until 1993, the court provided its own bailiff and the counties paid a proportionate share of the expenses. In 1993, the Ochiltree County commissioners court began providing a deputy sheriff to serve as the bailiff, but the court continued to provide a bailiff for Hansford and Hutchinson counties. H.B. 1921 would authorize the judge in the 84th Judicial District to appoint a bailiff.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 1921 establishes a bailiff for certain counties in the 84th Judicial District.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 53.002, Government Code, by adding Subsection (h), to authorize the judge of the 84th District Court to appoint a bailiff to serve the court in Hansford and Hutchinson counties.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 53.009(k), Government Code, to include the 84th District Court in the list of bailiffs which are entitled to receive a certain salary.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.