

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

A bailiff is a peace officer who plays a crucial role in the Texas Judiciary System. The primary duty of a bailiff in the State of Texas is to provide a secure environment during court proceedings. Because of the bailiff's role in the courtroom and consistent interaction with the judge, it is important that the judge has the authority to appoint the court's bailiff. This would ensure that the legal process in the courtroom flows more efficiently and effectively.

Although district judges have jurisdiction over their courtroom, not all have the power to appoint their own bailiffs. There are only some district courts throughout Texas that are permitted to appoint their own bailiff. H.B. 1193 will extend this authority to the judges of the 229th District Court located in Duval, Jim Hogg, and Starr Counties, and the 381st District Court located in Starr County.

H.B. 1193 amends current law relating to the appointment of bailiffs for certain district courts.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 53.002(f), Government Code, to authorize the judges of certain district courts, including the judges of the 229th and 381st district courts, to each appoint a bailiff.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2013.