

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Under current law, the district judges of Angelina County are required to appoint bailiffs and set their salaries. The bailiffs are funded through the county's budget which is set by the county commissioners court. The bailiff's salary is not commensurate with the salaries of other officers. H.B. 3356 allows for district and county court at law judges in Angelina County to appoint a bailiff, and for the county commissioners court to set the salary for bailiffs at not less than the salary of a deputy sheriff assigned to regular duty.

### **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 53.001, Government Code, to remove the judges of the district courts having jurisdiction in Angelina County from the list that authorizes judges from these counties and districts to appoint bailiffs. Requires the judges of the district courts having jurisdiction in Angelina County and the judges of the county courts at law of Angelina County to each appoint a bailiff.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 53.009, Government Code, by adding Subsection (1) to provide that each bailiff appointed by a judge of a district court having jurisdiction in Angelina County or a county court at law judge in Angelina County is entitled to receive a salary set by the commissioners court of that county in an amount that is not less than the salary of a deputy sheriff regularly assigned to patrol duty in the county.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2001.