

GOVERNMENT CODE

TITLE 2. JUDICIAL BRANCH

SUBTITLE D. JUDICIAL PERSONNEL AND OFFICIALS

CHAPTER 53. BAILIFFS

Sec. 53.009. COMPENSATION. (a) Each bailiff appointed by a judge of the 30th, 78th, 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, Randall, 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 and Randall counties, where the salary shall be set by the commissioners court of each respective county.

(b) Each bailiff appointed by a judge of the 142nd, 238th, 318th, or 385th district court is entitled to receive from each county in which the court sits the amount of compensation set by the judge in an amount that does not exceed the salary of the chief deputy sheriff of the county. The judge shall give each commissioners court in the district written notification of the amount of compensation to be paid by the county.

(c) The bailiff appointed by the judge of the County Court of Harrison County is entitled to receive a salary set by the judge in an amount that does not exceed the salary of a deputy sheriff of the county. The salary is paid out of the general fund of the county.

(d) The bailiff appointed by the judge of the 341st District Court is entitled to receive a salary set by the judge in an amount that is commensurate with the salary paid the bailiffs of other courts with similar duties. The salary is paid out of the general fund of the county.

(e) A bailiff is entitled to receive from the county in which he serves a salary set by the judge in an amount that does

not exceed the salary of the chief deputy sheriff of the county. The judge shall give each commissioners court in the district written notification of the amount of compensation to be paid by the county. The salary is paid out of the general fund of the county.

(f) The bailiffs and grand jury bailiffs appointed by the judges of the district courts in Tarrant County that give preference to criminal cases and the bailiffs and grand jury bailiffs appointed by the judges of the criminal district courts in Tarrant County are entitled to receive from the county general fund a salary set in writing by the judge that is in the same pay grade as the salary of certified and noncertified peace officers who are appointed as bailiffs by the sheriff. The county shall administer the bailiff salary under salary administration guidelines.

(g) Each bailiff appointed by a judge of the 15th or 59th district court or appointed by a statutory county court judge in Grayson County is entitled to receive from the county a salary equal to the salary of a jailer employed by the Grayson County sheriff.

(h) The bailiffs of the courts described in Section 53.002(e) are entitled to receive a salary set by the judge in an amount that does not exceed the salary of the highest paid officer assigned to patrol any of the counties in which the bailiff is designated to serve. The salary shall be apportioned by the judge between the counties in which the bailiff is designated to serve. The judge shall give each commissioners court in the district written notification of the amount of compensation to be paid by its county. The salary is paid out of the general fund of each county.

(i) Each bailiff appointed under Section 53.001(b) is entitled to receive a salary set by the commissioners court of the county in which the bailiff serves.

(j) The bailiff appointed by the judge of the 86th District Court is entitled to receive a salary set by the judge. The salary is paid out of the general fund of the county.

(k) The bailiffs of the 12th, 84th, 106th, 258th, 278th, and 411th district courts are entitled to receive a salary set by the judge and approved by the commissioners court of each of the counties in which the bailiff is designated to serve, except that the amount of the salary paid the bailiff of the 84th District Court must be commensurate with the salary paid the bailiffs of other courts with similar duties. The salary shall be apportioned by the judge among the counties in which the bailiff is designated to serve. The judge shall give each commissioners court in the district written notification of the amount of compensation to be paid by the county. The salary is paid out of the general fund of each county, except that the salary paid to the bailiff of the 106th District Court may be paid out of either the general fund or the courthouse security fund of each county.

(l) 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.

(m) A bailiff of the 97th District Court that serves the court in more than one county is entitled to receive a salary set by the judge and approved by the commissioners court of each of the counties in which the bailiff is designated to serve. The salary shall be apportioned by the judge among the counties in which the bailiff is designated to serve. The judge shall give each commissioners court in the district written notification of the amount of compensation to be paid by the county.

(n) A bailiff appointed by the judge of the 130th District Court is entitled to receive a salary set by the Commissioners Court of Matagorda County in an amount that is not less than the salary of a deputy sheriff regularly assigned to patrol duty in that county.

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