S.B. No. 1913 1-1 By: Perry (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2015; March 25, 2015, read time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; 1-2 1-3 first April 29, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 29, 2015, sent to printer.) 1-4

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to a court administrator in certain counties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 75.401, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 75.401. COURT ADMINISTRATOR SYSTEM FOR DISTRICT AND STATUTORY COUNTY COURTS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES.

SECTION 2. Sections 75.401(a), (b), (c), (d), and (e), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

- (a) In a county that has more than one district court statutory [county criminal court or more than one] county court [at law having both criminal and civil jurisdiction], those courts may establish and maintain, on approval of the commissioners court, a court administrator system.
- (b) The judges of the <u>district courts</u> [county criminal courts] or the <u>statutory</u> county courts may [at law having both criminal and civil jurisdiction shall] by <u>local</u> rule designate local court divisions and the duties of the court administrator for each division, if applicable. The court administrator shall cooperate with regional, presiding, and local [the] administrative judges and state agencies having duties relating to the operation of the courts to promote uniform and efficient administration of
- (c) The court administrator is appointed by the judges of the <u>district courts or</u> [county criminal courts or] the <u>statutory</u> county courts served by the court administrator. The court administrator [at law having both criminal and civil jurisdiction  $\frac{\text{and}}{\text{ond}}$  serves at the pleasure of  $\frac{\text{those}}{\text{those}}$  [the] judges.
- (d) A court administrator is entitled to reasonable compensation, facilities, and equipment as determined by the judges served, with the approval of [as set by] the commissioners court.

  (e) The judges of the courts served by the court
- administrator, with the approval of the commissioners court, shall 1-50 appoint appropriate staff and support personnel according to the needs of the local jurisdiction.

  SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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