

1-1 By: Murr, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 799
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 20, 2017;
 1-3 April 6, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Administration; May 9, 2017, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 9, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-13	X			
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the persons authorized to conduct an inquest in certain
 1-18 counties.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter C, Chapter 27,
 1-21 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-22 SUBCHAPTER C. CONDUCTING COURT AND INQUESTS

1-23 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 27, Government Code, is
 1-24 amended by adding Section 27.0545 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 27.0545. EXCHANGE OF BENCHES: INQUESTS. (a) If a
 1-26 justice of the peace or the county judge of a county to which
 1-27 Subchapter A, Chapter 49, Code of Criminal Procedure, applies is
 1-28 not available to conduct an inquest into a person's death occurring
 1-29 in the county, the justice of the peace of the precinct in which the
 1-30 death occurred or the county judge may request a justice of the
 1-31 peace of another county to which that subchapter applies to conduct
 1-32 the inquest.

1-33 (b) A justice of the peace who on request conducts an
 1-34 inquest under this section shall, not later than the fifth day after
 1-35 the date the inquest is initiated, transfer all information related
 1-36 to the inquest to the justice of the peace of the precinct in which
 1-37 the death occurred for final disposition of the matter.

1-38 (c) A justice of the peace who conducts an inquest under
 1-39 this section is not entitled to receive from the commissioners
 1-40 court of the county in which the death occurred any compensation,
 1-41 other than mileage, for conducting the inquest.

1-42 SECTION 3. Article 49.07(c), Code of Criminal Procedure, is
 1-43 amended by adding Subdivision (3) to read as follows:

1-44 (3) If a justice of the peace or the county judge
 1-45 serving the county in which the body or body part was found is not
 1-46 available to conduct an inquest, a person required to give notice
 1-47 under this article may ask the justice of the peace of the precinct
 1-48 in which the body or body part was found or the county judge to
 1-49 request a justice of the peace of another county to which this
 1-50 subchapter applies to conduct the inquest. The justice of the peace
 1-51 that conducts the inquest shall, not later than the fifth day after
 1-52 the date the inquest is initiated, transfer all information related
 1-53 to the inquest to the justice of the peace of the precinct in which
 1-54 the body or body part was found for final disposition of the matter.
 1-55 All expenses related to the inquest must be paid as provided by this
 1-56 chapter.

1-57 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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