

1-1 By: Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 1494
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2019;
 1-3 April 29, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Administration; May 3, 2019, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 3, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-10			X	
1-11	X			
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1-13			X	
1-14	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to surety bonds for deputy clerks and other employees of
 1-18 county and district clerks.

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

1-20 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 51.309, Government Code,
 1-21 is amended to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 51.309. DEPUTY CLERKS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES [CLERK].

1-23 SECTION 2. Section 51.309, Government Code, is amended by
 1-24 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as
 1-25 follows:

1-26 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the district clerk
 1-27 shall obtain one or more ~~[a]~~ surety bonds in accordance with this
 1-28 section ~~[bond]~~ to cover each ~~[a]~~ deputy clerk or other employee.
 1-29 The district clerk shall obtain:

1-30 (1) an individual bond for each deputy clerk and other
 1-31 employee in an amount for each bond that is equal to the district
 1-32 clerk's bond; or

1-33 (2) a schedule surety bond or a blanket surety bond to
 1-34 cover all deputy clerks ~~[more than one deputy]~~ and all other
 1-35 employees in a total amount that is equal to the district clerk's
 1-36 bond ~~[of the office]~~.

1-37 (b-1) A deputy clerk and an employee must be covered by a
 1-38 surety bond on the same conditions ~~[and in the same amount]~~ as the
 1-39 district clerk. A ~~[The]~~ bond covering a deputy clerk or other
 1-40 employee ~~[the deputies and employees]~~ shall be made payable to the
 1-41 governor for the use and benefit of the district clerk.

1-42 SECTION 3. Sections 82.002(a) and (c), Local Government
 1-43 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-44 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), ~~[If]~~ the county
 1-45 clerk ~~[has only a single deputy clerk, the county clerk]~~ shall
 1-46 execute one or more ~~[a]~~ surety bonds in accordance with this section
 1-47 ~~[bond]~~ to cover each ~~[the]~~ deputy clerk or other employee. The
 1-48 county clerk shall execute:

1-49 (1) an individual bond for each deputy clerk and other
 1-50 employee in an amount for each bond that is equal to the county
 1-51 clerk's bond; or

1-52 (2) a schedule surety bond or a blanket surety bond to
 1-53 cover all ~~[the]~~ deputy clerks~~[, if there is more than one,]~~ and all
 1-54 other employees in a total amount that is equal to the county
 1-55 clerk's bond ~~[of the office]~~.

1-56 (c) A ~~[The]~~ bond covering a deputy clerk or other ~~[an]~~
 1-57 employee must be conditioned in the same manner as the county
 1-58 clerk's bond ~~[and must be for the same amount as the bond for the~~
 1-59 county clerk]. A ~~[The]~~ bond covering a deputy clerk or other
 1-60 employee must be made payable to the county for the use and benefit

2-1 of the county clerk.

2-2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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