

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 2292  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2023; March 22, 2023, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;  
 1-4 April 24, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,  
 1-5 Nays 0; April 24, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

|      | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-7  |     |     |        |     |
| 1-8  | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-9  | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-10 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-11 | X   |     |        |     |
| 1-12 | X   |     |        |     |

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to bond requirements for certain judges.  
 1-16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 1-17 SECTION 1. Sections 25.0006(a-1) and (a-4), Government  
 1-18 Code, are amended to read as follows:  
 1-19 (a-1) Before beginning the duties of the office, the judge  
 1-20 of a statutory county court must execute a bond that:  
 1-21 (1) is payable to the treasurer of the county;  
 1-22 (2) is in the amount set by the commissioners court of:  
 1-23 (A) subject to Paragraph (B), not less than  
 1-24 \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000; or  
 1-25 (B) for a judge presiding in the court over  
 1-26 guardianship proceedings, as defined by Section 1002.015, Estates  
 1-27 Code, or over probate proceedings, as defined by Section 22.029,  
 1-28 Estates Code, not less than \$500,000[+  
 1-29 ~~[(i) \$100,000 for a court in a county with a~~  
 1-30 ~~population of 125,000 or less; or~~  
 1-31 ~~[(ii) \$250,000 for a court in a county with~~  
 1-32 ~~a population of more than 125,000]; and~~  
 1-33 (3) is conditioned that the judge will:  
 1-34 (A) faithfully perform all duties of office; and  
 1-35 (B) for a judge presiding in the court over  
 1-36 guardianship or probate proceedings, perform the duties required by  
 1-37 the Estates Code.  
 1-38 (a-4) This section does not apply to:  
 1-39 (1) ~~[a judge of a statutory county court who does not~~  
 1-40 ~~preside over guardianship proceedings, as defined by Section~~  
 1-41 ~~1002.015, Estates Code,~~  
 1-42 ~~[(2)] a judge of a statutory probate court who~~  
 1-43 ~~executes a bond, obtains insurance, or self-insures pursuant to~~  
 1-44 ~~Section 25.00231; or~~  
 1-45 ~~(2) [(3)] a judge who presides over a county criminal~~  
 1-46 ~~court.~~  
 1-47 SECTION 2. Section 26.001(a), Government Code, is amended  
 1-48 to read as follows:  
 1-49 (a) Before beginning the duties of the office, the county  
 1-50 judge must execute a bond that:  
 1-51 (1) is payable to the treasurer of the county;  
 1-52 (2) is in the amount set by the commissioners court of:  
 1-53 (A) subject to Paragraph (B), not less than  
 1-54 \$1,000 nor more than \$10,000; or  
 1-55 (B) for a county judge presiding in the county  
 1-56 court over guardianship proceedings, as defined by Section  
 1-57 1002.015, Estates Code, or over probate proceedings, as defined by  
 1-58 Section 22.029, Estates Code, not less than \$500,000[+  
 1-59 ~~[(i) \$100,000 for a court in a county with a~~  
 1-60 ~~population of 125,000 or less; or~~  
 1-61 ~~[(ii) \$250,000 for a court in a county with~~

