

BONDING FOR DISTRICT COURT MAGISTRATES



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SUMMARY

Current law requires that *all* court magistrates serve under district court judges, including third class, be bonded by the county treasurer. Even though third class district courts are locally funded with the ability to bond magistrates, current law requires the bonding through the county treasurer.

This bill would change the bond-filing requirement for magistrates from county treasurer to local funding.