
SECTION 5.04. Chapter 54, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter MM to read as follows:

17 SUBCHAPTER MM. MAGISTRATES IN COLLIN COUNTY
18 Sec. 54.2201. AUTHORIZATION; APPOINTMENT; TERMINATION;
19 ELIMINATION. (a) The Commissioners Court of Collin County by
20 majority vote may appoint one or more part-time or full-time
21 magistrates to perform the duties authorized by this subchapter.
22 (b) An order appointing a magistrate must be signed by the
23 county judge of Collin County, and the order must state:
24 (1) the magistrate's name; and
25 (2) the date the magistrate's employment begins.
26 (c) A magistrate may be terminated by a majority vote of the
27 Commissioners Court of Collin County.

1 (d) An authorized magistrate's position may be eliminated
2 on a majority vote of the Commissioners Court of Collin County.

3 Sec. 54.2202. QUALIFICATIONS; OATH OF OFFICE. (a) To be
4 eligible for appointment as a magistrate, a person must:

5 (1) be a citizen of the United States;

6 (2) have resided in Collin County for at least the four
7 years preceding the person's appointment; and

8 (3) have been licensed to practice law in this state
9 for at least four years.

10 (b) A magistrate appointed under Section 54.2201 must take
11 the constitutional oath of office required of appointed officers of
12 this state.

13 Sec. 54.2203. COMPENSATION. A magistrate is entitled to
14 the compensation set by the Commissioners Court of Collin County.
15 The compensation shall be paid from the general fund of the county