

CHAPTER 193

H.B. No. 1110

An Act relating to the jurisdiction of the county civil courts at law of Harris County.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. JURISDICTION CONCURRENT WITH DISTRICT COURT. The county civil courts at law of Harris County have concurrent jurisdiction with the district courts in civil cases in which the matter in controversy exceeds \$500, excluding interest, and does not exceed \$20,000, excluding interest, statutory damages and penalties, attorney's fees, and costs.

SECTION 2. EMINENT DOMAIN. (a) The county civil courts at law of Harris County have exclusive jurisdiction in Harris County of all matters of eminent domain, regardless of the amount in controversy. This section does not affect the jurisdiction of the commissioners court or of the county judge as the presiding officer of the commissioners court, as to roads, bridges, and public highways, or matters of eminent domain.

(b) The county civil courts at law of Harris County may determine all issues, including any relating to title to real or personal property, in eminent domain cases. Neither Article 1951, Revised Statutes, nor Section 21.002, Property Code, affects or diminishes the jurisdiction of the county civil courts at law of Harris County in eminent domain cases.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on March 28, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 9, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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