

CHAPTER 926

H.B. No. 1985

An Act relating to the preference given to cases and proceedings in the 289th District Court in Bexar County and to the counties composing the 35th Judicial District.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3.115(b), Judicial Districts Act of 1969 (Article 199a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(b) The 289th District Court shall give *primary* preference to *cases and proceedings under Titles 2 and 3, Family Code, and secondary preference to criminal cases. Chapter 240, Acts of the 64th Legislature, Regular Session, 1975 (Article 1918a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), applies to the 289th District Court.*

SECTION 2. Subdivision 35, Article 199, Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

35. MILLS AND [;] BROWN [AND COLEMAN]. The 35th Judicial District is composed of the Counties of Mills and [;] Brown [~~and Coleman~~]. The terms of said District Court shall be held in said counties each year as follows:

In the County of Mills on the first Mondays in January, May and October.

In the County of Brown on the first Mondays in February, June and November.

[~~In the County of Coleman on the first Mondays in April and September.~~]

Each term of court in each of such counties may continue in session until the date herein fixed for the beginning of the next succeeding term therein.

SECTION 3. All cases and proceedings pending on the effective date of this Act in Coleman County in the 35th District Court shall be transferred to the 42nd District Court. All process and writs issued from the 35th District Court in those cases are returnable to the 42nd District Court. The obligees in all bonds and recognizances taken in and for the 35th District Court and all witnesses summoned to appear before the 35th District Court in those cases are required to appear before the 42nd District Court but not at a time earlier than originally required. Each writ and process is as legal and valid as if it had been made returnable to the 42nd District Court.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 1986.

SECTION 5. 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.

Passed by the House on May 20, 1985, by a non-record vote; House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1985 on May 27, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 26, 1985, by a viva-voce vote.

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