

**CHAPTER 263**

**H.B. No. 2087**

An Act relating to the filing, numbering, docketing, and assignment of cases in and the distribution of work of the county criminal courts of Tarrant County.

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

**SECTION 1.** The judges of the county criminal courts of Tarrant County may adopt rules for those courts governing:

- (1) the filing, numbering, and docketing of cases;
- (2) the assignment of cases for trial; and
- (3) the distribution of the work of the courts.

**SECTION 2.** (a) Any action taken by the judges under this Act must be by a majority vote of the judges voting on the particular issue.

(b) If there is a tie vote on an issue, the outcome of the vote is determined by the vote of the judge with the longest tenure in office.

**SECTION 3.** 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 April 18, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 15, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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