

CHAPTER 569

H.B. No. 2376

An Act relating to the jurisdiction of the county court and district court in Mason County.

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

SECTION 1. COUNTY COURT JURISDICTION. The County Court of Mason County has:

- (1) the general jurisdiction of a probate court;
- (2) juvenile jurisdiction as provided by Chapter 178, Acts of the 66th Legislature, Regular Session, 1979 (Article 2338-1.1, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes); and
- (3) original and appellate jurisdiction in all matters over which county courts have jurisdiction under the constitution and general laws of this state.

SECTION 2. DISTRICT COURT JURISDICTION. The district court in Mason County has only the jurisdiction provided for district courts under the constitution and general laws of this state.

SECTION 3. TRANSFER OF CASES. When the jurisdiction of the courts changes as provided by this Act, all cases pending in the district court that are within the county court jurisdiction are transferred to the county court. All process, writs, bonds, recognizances, or other obligations issued or made in the transferred cases shall be returned to and filed in the county court. All bonds executed and recognizances entered into in those cases bind the parties for their appearance or to fulfill the obligations of the bonds or recognizances in the county court. All process issued, or returned before transfer of the cases, and all bonds and recognizances taken before transfer, are valid and binding as though originally issued out of the county court. Jurisdiction over judgments rendered before the jurisdiction of the courts changes as provided by this Act is not transferred, and the courts retain jurisdiction for the enforcement of those judgments. The district clerk shall promptly file with the county clerk all original papers, judge's dockets, and certified copies of any interlocutory judgments or orders entered in the cases transferred. The district clerk shall also transfer all remaining cost deposits, jury fees, and any other matters necessary to the transfer of the cases.

SECTION 4. REPEALER. Chapter 73, General Laws, Acts of the 20th Legislature, Regular Session, 1887, is repealed.

SECTION 5. 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 April 18, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 17, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved: June 12, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985