

CHAPTER 948

H.B. No. 2413

An Act relating to the jurisdiction of the County Court of Fayette County.

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

SECTION 1. In addition to the jurisdiction provided by the constitution and general laws for county courts, the County Court of Fayette County has the following jurisdiction if the county judge is licensed to practice law in this state and practiced law for at least two years prior to his appointment or election:

- (1) jurisdiction over cases and proceedings under the Family Code;
- (2) eminent domain jurisdiction; and
- (3) concurrent civil jurisdiction with the district court in cases in which the matter in controversy exceeds \$500 and does not exceed \$20,000.

SECTION 2. 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 May 2, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 15, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved: June 15, 1985

Effective: Immediately