

## CHAPTER 413

## H.B. No. 2506

An Act relating to the jurisdiction of the County Court at Law of Rusk County and to the salary of the judge of that court.

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 2(b), Chapter 853, Acts of the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983 (Article 1970-383, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(b) The County Court at Law of Rusk County has concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in:

- (1) eminent domain cases and proceedings, regardless of the amount in controversy;
- (2) ~~in~~ civil cases in which the matter in controversy exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$40,000 ~~(\$20,000)~~, exclusive of interest; and [-]
- (3) cases and proceedings involving adoptions, birth records, or removal of disability of minority or coverture; change of names of persons; child welfare, custody, support and reciprocal support, dependency, neglect, or delinquency; paternity; termination of parental rights; divorce and marriage annulment, including the adjustment of property rights, custody and support of minor children involved therein, temporary support pending final hearing, and every other matter incident to divorce or annulment proceedings; independent actions involving child support and custody of minors and wife or child desertion; and independent actions involving controversies between parent and child, between parents, and between spouses.

**SECTION 2.** Section 5(f), Chapter 853, Acts of the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983 (Article 1970-383, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(f) The judge of the County Court at Law of Rusk County is ~~and the county judge of Rusk County are~~ entitled to receive an annual salary set by the commissioners court at an amount that is at least equal to the amount that is 90 percent of the total annual salary, including supplements, received by a district judge in Rusk County. The salary shall be paid in equal monthly installments. The commissioners court may provide traveling expenses and office expenses, including administrative and clerical help, in addition to the judge's salary, as it deems necessary. The judge of the county court at law shall assess the same fees as are prescribed by law relating to county judges' fees, which shall be collected by the clerk of the court and shall be paid into the county treasury on collection, and no part of which shall be paid to the judge.

**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 May 17, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 26, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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