

CHAPTER 417

S.B. No. 251

An Act relating to courtrooms, office space, equipment, and supplies for justices of the peace; amending Section 1a, Chapter 622, Acts of the 62nd Legislature, Regular Session, 1971, as amended (Article 3912k, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

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

SECTION 1. Section 1a, Chapter 622, Acts of the 62nd Legislature, Regular Session, 1971, as amended (Article 3912k, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

"Section 1a. In addition to the compensation and expenses provided for in Section 1 of this Act, upon the request of a justice of the peace handling an average of more than 50 cases per month during the 12 months immediately preceding the request, the commissioners court of each county, at the beginning of the next fiscal year, shall ~~may~~ furnish suitable office space ~~;~~ and the ~~equip with~~ necessary telephones ~~telephone~~, equipment, and supplies ~~;~~ a suitable courtroom and office space for such ~~each~~ justice of the peace in the county. The commissioners court may also provide a suitable courtroom for each justice of the peace."

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 the Senate on March 14, 1985, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House on May 15, 1985, by a non-record vote.

Approved: June 11, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985