

CHAPTER 121

H.B. No. 1180

AN ACT

relating to assignment and docketing of certain cases in the 49th District Court.

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

SECTION 1. Section 24.151(f), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) In Webb County, the clerk of the district courts shall file all civil cases, except tax suits, on the Clerk's Civil File Docket and shall number the cases consecutively. Each civil *and criminal case*, except tax suits, shall be assigned and docketed *at random by the district clerk* ~~[in the court designated by the attorney filing the case]~~. The clerk shall keep a separate file docket, known as the Clerk's Criminal File Docket, for criminal cases and a separate file docket, known as the Clerk's Tax Suit Docket, for tax suits. Each ~~[criminal case and]~~ tax suit shall be assigned and docketed in the 49th District Court. The clerk shall number the cases on the Clerk's Tax Suit Docket consecutively with a separate series of numbers and shall number the cases on the Clerk's Criminal File Docket consecutively with a separate series of numbers.

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.

Passed by the House on April 1, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on April 30, 1993: Yeas 28, Nays 0.

Approved May 11, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.