

CHAPTER 318

H.B. No. 2856

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the County Criminal Court at Law No. 15 of Harris County, Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.1031(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Harris County has the following county criminal courts:

- (1) County Criminal Court at Law No. 1 of Harris County, Texas;
- (2) County Criminal Court at Law No. 2 of Harris County, Texas;
- (3) County Criminal Court at Law No. 3 of Harris County, Texas;
- (4) County Criminal Court at Law No. 4 of Harris County, Texas;
- (5) County Criminal Court at Law No. 5 of Harris County, Texas;
- (6) County Criminal Court at Law No. 6 of Harris County, Texas;
- (7) County Criminal Court at Law No. 7 of Harris County, Texas;
- (8) County Criminal Court at Law No. 8 of Harris County, Texas;
- (9) County Criminal Court at Law No. 9 of Harris County, Texas;
- (10) County Criminal Court at Law No. 10 of Harris County, Texas;
- (11) County Criminal Court at Law No. 11 of Harris County, Texas;
- (12) County Criminal Court at Law No. 12 of Harris County, Texas;
- (13) County Criminal Court at Law No. 13 of Harris County, Texas; [and]
- (14) County Criminal Court at Law No. 14 of Harris County, Texas; *and*
- (15) *County Criminal Court at Law No. 15 of Harris County, Texas.*

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding Section 25.1031(b)(15), Government Code, as added by this Act, the County Criminal Court at Law No. 15 of Harris County, Texas, is created January 1, 1995.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding Section 25.0009, Government Code, the initial vacancy in the office of judge on creation of the County Criminal Court at Law No. 15 of Harris County, Texas, shall be filled by election. The office of judge of the County Criminal Court at Law No. 15 of Harris County, Texas, exists for purposes of the primary and general elections in 1994. The qualified voters of the county shall elect the initial judge in 1994 for a four-year term as provided by Article XVI, Sections 64 and 65, of the Texas Constitution. A vacancy after the initial vacancy is filled as provided by Section 25.0009, Government Code.

SECTION 4. 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 30, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 14, 1993: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Approved May 27, 1993.

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