

CHAPTER 825

S.B. No. 867

AN ACT

relating to the location of certain justice of the peace courts.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (d), Section 292.001, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) A justice of the peace court may not be housed or conducted in a building located outside the court's precinct except as provided by Section 27.051(f), Government Code, *or unless the justice of the peace court is situated in the county courthouse in a county with a population of at least 220,000 persons but no more than 230,000 persons.*

SECTION 2. Subsection (f), Section 27.051, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) A justice of the peace of a precinct in a county with a population of less than 30,000 may hold court in the county courthouse *or another facility provided under Section 292.002(a), Local Government Code, for that purpose.* If requested by the justice, the commissioners court of the county may provide and furnish a suitable place in the courthouse *or another facility provided under Section 292.002(a), Local Government Code,* for the justice to hold court.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

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 the Senate on April 30, 1993: Yeas 28, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 27, 1993, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House, with amendment, on May 26, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 19, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.