

CHAPTER 1009

H.B. No. 2274

AN ACT

relating to the County Court at Law of Moore County.

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

SECTION 1. Section 6(c), Chapter 510, Acts of the 69th Legislature, Regular Session, 1985 (Article 1970-390, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(c) *The county attorney, criminal district attorney, district attorney, county clerk, and sheriff of Moore County shall serve as county attorney, criminal district attorney, district attorney, clerk, and sheriff of the County Court at Law of Moore County, except that the district clerk of Moore County shall serve as clerk of the county court at law in the cases enumerated in Subsection (a) of Section 2 of this Act and shall establish a separate docket for the county court at law. The commissioners court may employ assistant district attorneys, deputy sheriffs, and bailiffs necessary to serve the court created by this Act. Those serving shall perform the duties and are entitled to the compensation, fees, and allowances prescribed by law for their respective offices in Moore County.*

SECTION 2. Section 9(a), Chapter 510, Acts of the 69th Legislature, Regular Session, 1985 (Article 1970-390, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(a) *The drawing of jury panels, selection of jurors, and practice in the county court at law shall conform to that prescribed by general law for county courts, except that practice, procedure, rules of evidence, issuance of process and writs, juries (other than the number of jurors required), and all other matters pertaining to the conduct of trials and hearings in the county court at law involving those matters of concurrent jurisdiction with district courts shall be governed by the law and rules pertaining to district courts. A jury in the county court at law is composed of six persons.*

SECTION 3. Section 9(a), Chapter 510, Acts of the 69th Legislature, Regular Session, 1985 (Article 1970-390, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), as amended by this Act applies only to cases for which the original petition is filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A case for which the original petition is filed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law as it existed on the date the case was filed, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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, 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 8, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting. Passed by the Senate on May 29, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective June 19, 1987.