

CHAPTER 252

H.B. No. 2523

AN ACT

relating to the jurisdiction of the County Court at Law of Kleberg County.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2(c), Chapter 828, Acts of the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983 (Article 1970–382, Vernon’s Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(c) The county court at law has jurisdiction concurrent with the district court in eminent domain proceedings as provided by general law and in civil cases when the matter in controversy exceeds \$500 and does not exceed *\$50,000* [~~\$20,000~~], excluding interest. The county court at law has concurrent civil jurisdiction with the district court in suits and causes involving family law matters, including adoptions; birth records; removal of disability of minority or coverture; change of name of persons; divorce and marriage annulment cases, including the adjustment of property rights, custody and support of minor children involved, temporary support pending final hearing, and every other matter incident to divorce or annulment proceedings; independent actions involving child welfare, custody, support and reciprocal support, dependency, neglect, and delinquency; and independent actions involving controversies between parents, between parent and child, and between husband and wife.

SECTION 2. Section 2, Chapter 828, Acts of the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983 (Article 1970–382, Vernon’s Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c-1) The county court at law has jurisdiction concurrent with the district court in felony cases to conduct arraignments, conduct pretrial hearings, and accept guilty pleas.

SECTION 3. 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 April 23, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting. Passed by the Senate on May 14, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved May 28, 1987.

Effective May 28, 1987.