

CHAPTER 938

H.B. No. 2586

AN ACT

relating to the jurisdiction of the County Court at Law No. 1 of Calhoun County.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2(c), Chapter 1076, Acts of the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983 (Article 1970-385, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

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(c) The county court at law has concurrent civil jurisdiction with the district court in:

(1) cases in which the matter in controversy exceeds \$500 and does not exceed ~~\$50,000~~ ~~[\$20,000]~~, excluding interest, *court costs, and attorney's fees*;

(2) appeals of final rulings and decisions of the Industrial Accident Board, regardless of the amount in controversy;

(3) eminent domain cases and proceedings, regardless of the amount in controversy; ~~[and]~~

(4) cases and proceedings involving adoptions, birth records, or removal of disability of minority or coverture; change of names of persons; child welfare, custody, support and reciprocal support, dependency, neglect, or delinquency; paternity; termination of parental rights; divorce and marriage annulment, including the adjustment of property rights, custody and support of minor children involved therein, temporary support pending final hearing, and every other matter incident to divorce or annulment proceedings; independent actions involving child support, custody of minors, and wife or child desertion; and independent actions involving controversies between parent and child, between parents, and between spouses;

(5) *suits on behalf of the state to recover penalties, forfeitures, or escheats, regardless of the amount in controversy;*

(6) *suits to recover damages for slander or defamation of character, regardless of the amount in controversy;*

(7) *suits for the trial of title to land and for the enforcement of liens on land, regardless of the amount in controversy;*

(8) *suits for the trial of right to property levied on by virtue of a writ of execution, sequestration, or attachment if the property levied on is valued at \$500 or more; and*

(9) *contested elections.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 1988.

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.

Passed by the House on May 22, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting. Passed by the Senate on May 29, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 20, 1987.

Effective Jan. 1, 1988.