

CHAPTER 1037

H.B. No. 2604

AN ACT

relating to preferences of hearings and trials in the trial courts of this state.

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

SECTION 1. Section 23.101(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The trial courts of this state shall regularly and frequently set hearings and trials of pending matters, giving preference to hearings and trials of the following:

- (1) temporary injunctions;
- (2) criminal actions, with criminal actions against defendants who are detained in jail pending trial given preference over other criminal actions;
- (3) election contests and suits under the Texas Election Code; and
- (4) appeals of final rulings and decisions of the Industrial Accident Board *and claims under the Federal Employers' Liability Act and the Jones Act.*

SECTION 2. 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 22, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 29, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective Aug. 31, 1987, 90 days after date of adjournment.