

CHAPTER 713

H.B. No. 386

AN ACT

relating to the jurisdiction of constables.

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

SECTION 1. Article 6889, Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 6889. JURISDICTION. (a) Every constable may execute any process, civil or criminal, throughout his county and elsewhere, as may be provided for in the Code of Criminal Procedure, or other law.

(b) *A constable expressly authorized by statute to perform an act or service, including the service of civil or criminal process, citation, notice, warrant, subpoena, or writ, may perform the act or service anywhere in the county in which the constable's precinct is located.*

(c) *Notwithstanding the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, all civil process may be served by a constable in his county or in a county contiguous to his county, except that a constable who is a party to or interested in the outcome of a suit may not serve any process related to the suit.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

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 April 30, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 18, 1987, by a viva-voce vote.

Approved June 18, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.