

CHAPTER 522

H.B. No. 771

AN ACT

relating to criminal law magistrates in Dallas County accepting misdemeanor guilty pleas for the county criminal courts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 54.308, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Except as limited by an order of referral, a magistrate to whom a case is referred may accept a guilty plea in a misdemeanor case for a county criminal court.

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The magistrate shall forward any fee or fine collected for the misdemeanor offense to the county clerk.

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 April 15, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting. Passed by the Senate on May 23, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 1987.

Effective June 17, 1987.