

CHAPTER 528

H.B. No. 907

AN ACT

relating to the County Court at Law of Webb County.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3(a), Chapter 65, Acts of the 64th Legislature, 1975 (Article 1970-360, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(a) The County Court at Law of Webb County has jurisdiction concurrent with the district court in:

- (1) eminent domain cases;
- (2) ~~[and in]~~ civil cases when the matter in controversy exceeds \$500 and does not exceed \$50,000 [~~\$10,000~~], exclusive of interest; and
- (3) *appeals of final rulings and decisions of the Industrial Accident Board, regardless of the amount in controversy.*

SECTION 2. Section 7(f), Chapter 65, Acts of the 64th Legislature, 1975 (Article 1970-360, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(f) *The County Judge of Webb County and judge of the county court at law shall receive a salary to be set by the commissioners court in an amount not less than \$20,000 per annum and not more than the salary, including any county supplements, paid to a district [of the county] judge of Webb County, which shall be paid out of the county treasury by order of the commissioners court and shall be paid monthly in equal installments. The judge of the county court at law shall be entitled to traveling expenses and necessary office expenses, including administrative and clerical help, in the same manner as is allowed the county judge. The County Judge of Webb County and judge of the County Court at Law of Webb County shall assess the same fees as are now prescribed or may be established by law, relating to the county judge's fees, all of which shall be collected by the clerk of the court and shall be paid into the county treasury on collection, and no part of which shall be paid to the judge, but they [he] shall draw the salary as specified in this section.*

SECTION 3. Chapter 65, Acts of the 64th Legislature, 1975 (Article 1970-360, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Section 12A to read as follows:

Sec. 12A. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 10, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, restricting authority over probation departments to district judges, the judge of the County Court at Law of Webb County shall participate in the management of the probation department serving the county, and for that purpose

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has the same duties and powers imposed by that section as do the district judges trying criminal cases in the county.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

SECTION 5. 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; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 907 on May 21, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 19, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.