

CHAPTER 95

H.B. No. 917

AN ACT

relating to the county courts at law in Grayson County.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2, Chapter 126, Acts of the 50th Legislature, 1947 (Article 1970-332, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. The County Court at Law of Grayson County shall have and exercise the jurisdiction in all matters and cases, civil and criminal, original and appellate, over which by the General Laws of the State, the County Court of said County would have jurisdiction. *The County Court at Law of Grayson County has, concurrent with the county court and the County Court at Law No. 2 of Grayson County, the general jurisdiction of a probate court* [~~except as herein provided in Section 3 of this Act, and all cases pending in the County Court of said County, other than probate matters such as are provided in Section 3 of this Act, at the time this Act shall become effective, shall be and the same are hereby transferred to the County Court at Law of Grayson County, and all writs and process, civil and criminal, heretofore issued by or out of the said County Court other than those pertaining to matters which are hereby exempt from this Act that are to remain in the County Court of Grayson County shall be and the same are hereby made returnable to the County Court at Law of Grayson County~~].

SECTION 2. Section 11, Chapter 126, Acts of the 50th Legislature, 1947 (Article 1970-332, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11. In the case of the disqualification *or recusal* of the Judge of the County Court at Law in any case pending in this Court, the County Judge, *or the Judge of a County Court at Law*, shall sit in such case[, ~~or, the parties or their attorneys may agree on the selection of a Special Judge to try such case or cases; and in default of such agreement a~~

majority of the practicing lawyers of Grayson County shall elect a Judge to try such cases ~~where the County Judge at Law is disqualified~~.

SECTION 3. Section 9, Chapter 669, Acts of the 64th Legislature, 1975 (Article 1970-332a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9. In the case of the disqualification *or recusal* of the judge of the County Court at Law No. 2 in any case pending in this court, the county judge or the judge of a *county court at law* ~~[the County Court at Law of Grayson County]~~ may sit in such case ~~[or, the parties or their attorneys may agree on the selection of a special judge to try such case or cases; and in default of such agreement a majority of the practicing lawyers of Grayson County shall elect a judge to try such cases where the judge of the County Court at Law No. 2 is disqualified].~~

SECTION 4. 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 2, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting. Passed by the Senate on April 30, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 14, 1987.

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