

## CHAPTER 196

S.B. No. 1374

AN ACT

relating to the jurisdiction of the County Court at Law of Parker County.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 2, Chapter 88, Acts of the 69th Legislature, Regular Session, 1985 (Article 1970-353a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(b) The County Court at Law of Parker County has concurrent jurisdiction with the county court in all civil and criminal cases and proceedings, original and appellate, prescribed by law for county courts. *Except as provided by Subsection (h) of this section, the County Court at Law of Parker County has no probate jurisdiction.*

SECTION 2. Section 2, Chapter 88, Acts of the 69th Legislature, Regular Session, 1985 (Article 1970-353a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

*(h) The County Court at Law of Parker County has concurrent jurisdiction with the district court over contested probate matters. Notwithstanding the requirement in Subsection (b), Section 5, Texas Probate Code, that the judge of the constitutional county court transfer a contested probate proceeding to the district court, the judge of the constitutional county court shall transfer the proceeding under that section to either the county court at law or the district court. The county court at law has the jurisdiction, powers, and duties that a district court has under Subsection (b), Section 5, Texas Probate Code, for the transferred proceeding, and the county clerk acts as clerk for the proceeding. The contested proceeding may be transferred between the county court at law and the district court as provided by local rules of administration.*

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, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on April 30, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. Passed the House on May 15, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved May 27, 1987.

Effective May 27, 1987.