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H.B. No. 2998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the County Court at Law of Aransas County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Sections 25.0062(a) and (b), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) In addition to the jurisdiction provided by Section 25.0003 and other law, a county court at law of Aransas County has concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in:

(1) family law cases and proceedings; ~~and~~

(2) felony cases to conduct arraignments, conduct pretrial hearings, and accept guilty pleas; and

(3) civil cases in which the matter in controversy exceeds the maximum amount provided by Section 25.0003.

(b) The district clerk serves as clerk of a county court at law in felony cases, in ~~and~~ family law cases and proceedings, and in civil cases in which the matter in controversy exceeds \$250,000.

The ~~and the~~ county clerk serves as clerk of a county court at law in all other cases. The district clerk shall establish a separate docket for a county court at law. The commissioners court shall provide the deputy clerks, bailiffs, and other personnel necessary to operate a county court at law.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a case filed or proceeding commenced on or after the effective date of this Act. A case filed or proceeding commenced before the

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1 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
2 date the case was filed or the proceeding was commenced, and the
3 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.