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H.B. No. 3388

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to court administration for cases referred to criminal law
3 magistrates in Tarrant County.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 54, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 54.6585 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 54.6585. CLERK. (a) The district clerk serves as
8 clerk of the cases referred to a magistrate under this subchapter,
9 except:

10 (1) the county clerk serves as clerk for a Class A or
11 Class B misdemeanor case filed in a county criminal court and
12 referred to a magistrate; and

13 (2) the originating justice court clerk serves as
14 clerk for a Class C misdemeanor case filed in a justice court and
15 referred to a magistrate.

16 (b) The district clerk shall establish a docket and keep the
17 minutes for the cases referred to a magistrate under this
18 subchapter. To facilitate the duties associated with serving as
19 the clerk for the cases referred to a magistrate, the district clerk
20 and deputy district clerks may serve as deputy county clerks and
21 deputy justice clerks at the discretion of the district clerk.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.