

1-1 By: Hughes, Birdwell S.B. No. 1220  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 11, 2025;  
1-3 February 28, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 State Affairs; March 17, 2025, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; March 17, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Hughes	X		
1-9	Paxton	X		
1-10	Bettencourt	X		
1-11	Birdwell	X		
1-12	Hall	X		
1-13	Hinojosa of Nueces	X		
1-14	Middleton	X		
1-15	Parker	X		
1-16	Perry	X		
1-17	Schwertner	X		
1-18	Zaffirini	X		

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the subject matter jurisdiction of the criminal trial  
1-22 courts of this state.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 23, Government Code, is  
1-25 amended by adding Section 23.002 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 23.002. SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION OF CRIMINAL TRIAL  
1-27 COURTS NOT CONDITIONED ON EXHAUSTION OF CIVIL REMEDIES. Unless  
1-28 expressly provided otherwise, the exhaustion of civil, including  
1-29 administrative, remedies is not a prerequisite to the vesting in a  
1-30 trial court of subject matter jurisdiction over a criminal action  
1-31 for which the trial court would otherwise have jurisdiction under  
1-32 other law.

1-33 SECTION 2. This Act applies to a criminal action commenced  
1-34 before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

1-35 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-37 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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