

Amend Amendment No. 65 by Eiland (beginning on page 119, Amendment Packet) by adding a new item to read as follows:

(_) Amend Article 3 of the bill by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumbering subsequent sections accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 23.101(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The trial courts of this state shall regularly and frequently set hearings and trials of pending matters, giving preference to hearings and trials of the following:

(1) temporary injunctions;

(2) criminal actions, with the following actions given preference over other criminal actions:

(A) criminal actions against defendants who are detained in jail pending trial;

(B) criminal actions involving a charge that a person committed an act of family violence, as defined by Section 71.01, Family Code; and

(C) an offense under:

(i) Section 21.11, Penal Code;

(ii) Chapter 22, Penal Code, if the victim of the alleged offense is younger than 17 years of age;

(iii) Section 25.02, Penal Code, if the victim of the alleged offense is younger than 17 years of age; or

(iv) Section 25.06, Penal Code;

(3) election contests and suits under the Election Code;

(4) orders for the protection of the family under Section 3.581, 71.11, or 71.12, Family Code;

(5) appeals of final rulings and decisions of the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission and claims under the Federal Employers' Liability Act and the Jones Act; [and]

(6) appeals of final orders of the commissioner of the General Land Office under Section 51.3021, Natural Resources Code; and

(7) multidistrict litigation.