

AN ACT

relating to the County Court at Law of Randall County.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.1931, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 25.1931. RANDALL COUNTY. (a) Randall County has one statutory county court, the County Court at Law No. 1 of Randall County.

(b) A county court at law of Randall County sits in the county seat or at another location in the county as assigned by the local administrative statutory county court judge.

SECTION 2. Section 25.1932, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (d) and adding Subsections (b) and (k) to read as follows:

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

(1) family law cases and proceedings;

(2) cases and proceedings involving justiciable controversies and differences between spouses, or between parents, or between parent and child, or between any of these and third persons; ~~and~~

(3) civil cases; and

(4) felony cases to conduct arraignments, conduct

1 pretrial hearings, and accept guilty pleas.

2 (b) A county court at law has terms beginning on the first
3 Mondays of January and July of each year.

4 (d) The salary paid the judge of a county court at law shall
5 be paid out of the county treasury by the commissioners court,
6 except as otherwise provided by law.

7 (k) Notwithstanding Section 74.121(b)(1), in matters of
8 concurrent jurisdiction, the judge of a county court at law and the
9 judges of the district courts in the county may exchange benches and
10 courtrooms and may transfer cases between their dockets in the same
11 manner that judges of district courts exchange benches and transfer
12 cases under Section 24.303.

13 SECTION 3. On September 1, 2003, the County Court at Law of
14 Randall County is redesignated as the County Court at Law No. 1 of
15 Randall County.

16 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

H.B. No. 3577

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3577 was passed by the House on May 10, 2003, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3577 on May 30, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3577 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor