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H.B. No. 3577

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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.

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

3 (d) The salary paid the judge of a county court at law shall
4 be paid out of the county treasury by the commissioners court,
5 except as otherwise provided by law. The county may not reduce the
6 compensation paid to the judge of a county court at law during the
7 judge's term in office.

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

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

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