

1-1 By: Smithee (Senate Sponsor - Bivins) H.B. No. 3577
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2003;
1-3 May 13, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 22, 2003, reported favorably, as amended, by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 22, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1 By: Gallegos

1-7 Amend HB 3577 on page 1, line 37 by adding the words "to conduct
1-8 arraignments, conduct pretrial hearings, and accept guilty pleas"
1-9 between "cases" and ".".
1-10 On page 1, lines 42 through 44 by removing the words "The county may
1-11 not reduce the compensation paid to the judge of a county court at
1-12 law during the judge's term in office."

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to the County Court at Law of Randall County.

1-16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-17 SECTION 1. Section 25.1931, Government Code, is amended to
1-18 read as follows:

1-19 Sec. 25.1931. RANDALL COUNTY. (a) Randall County has one
1-20 statutory county court, the County Court at Law No. 1 of Randall
1-21 County.

1-22 (b) A county court at law of Randall County sits in the
1-23 county seat or at another location in the county as assigned by the
1-24 local administrative statutory county court judge.

1-25 SECTION 2. Section 25.1932, Government Code, is amended by
1-26 amending Subsections (a) and (d) and adding Subsections (b) and (k)
1-27 to read as follows:

1-28 (a) In addition to the jurisdiction provided by Section
1-29 25.0003 and other law, a county court at law in Randall County has
1-30 concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in:

1-31 (1) family law cases and proceedings;

1-32 (2) cases and proceedings involving justiciable
1-33 controversies and differences between spouses, or between parents,
1-34 or between parent and child, or between any of these and third
1-35 persons; ~~and~~

1-36 (3) civil cases; and

1-37 (4) felony cases.

1-38 (b) A county court at law has terms beginning on the first
1-39 Mondays of January and July of each year.

1-40 (d) The salary paid the judge of a county court at law shall
1-41 be paid out of the county treasury by the commissioners court,
1-42 except as otherwise provided by law. The county may not reduce the
1-43 compensation paid to the judge of a county court at law during the
1-44 judge's term in office.

1-45 (k) Notwithstanding Section 74.121(b)(1), in matters of
1-46 concurrent jurisdiction, the judge of a county court at law and the
1-47 judges of the district courts in the county may exchange benches and
1-48 courtrooms and may transfer cases between their dockets in the same
1-49 manner that judges of district courts exchange benches and transfer
1-50 cases under Section 24.303.

1-51 SECTION 3. On September 1, 2003, the County Court at Law of
1-52 Randall County is redesignated as the County Court at Law No. 1 of
1-53 Randall County.

1-54 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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