

1-1 By: Chavez (Senate Sponsor - Shapleigh) H.B. No. 3595
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 5, 2003;
1-3 May 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 19, 2003, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 19, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the statutory county courts in El Paso County.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Sections 25.0732(w), (x), and (z), Government
1-11 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-12 (w) In matters of concurrent jurisdiction, a judge of a
1-13 statutory county court in El Paso County and a judge of a district
1-14 court or another statutory county court in El Paso County may
1-15 transfer cases between the courts in the same manner judges of
1-16 district courts transfer cases under Section 24.303. [~~This
1-17 subsection does not apply to a county criminal court at law in El
1-18 Paso County.~~]

1-19 (x) A judge of a statutory county court in El Paso County and
1-20 a judge of a district court in El Paso County may exchange benches
1-21 and may sit and act for each other in any matter pending before the
1-22 court. [~~This subsection does not apply to a county criminal court
1-23 at law in El Paso County.~~]

1-24 (z) The County Criminal Courts No. 1 and No. 2 have the
1-25 criminal jurisdiction provided by law for county courts and
1-26 appellate jurisdiction in appeals of criminal cases from justice
1-27 courts and municipal courts in the county as provided by Article
1-28 45.042, Code of Criminal Procedure[, ~~but have no other
1-29 jurisdiction.~~].

1-30 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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