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S.B. No. 82

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AN ACT

relating to the priority given to the hearing by trial courts of certain ad valorem tax matters.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 23.101, 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 71.004 [~~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;

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

3 (4) orders for the protection of the family under
4 Section 6.504, 85.005, 85.021, or 85.022 [~~3.581, 71.11, or 71.12~~],
5 Family Code;

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

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

12 (7) appeals of appraisal review board orders brought
13 under Section 42.01 or 42.015, Tax Code.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.