

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 82
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2002; January 27, 2003,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;
1-4 March 24, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,
1-5 Nays 0; March 24, 2003, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the priority given to the hearing by trial courts of
1-9 certain ad valorem tax matters.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 23.101, Government Code,
1-12 is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (a) The trial courts of this state shall regularly and
1-14 frequently set hearings and trials of pending matters, giving
1-15 preference to hearings and trials of the following:

1-16 (1) temporary injunctions;

1-17 (2) criminal actions, with the following actions given
1-18 preference over other criminal actions:

1-19 (A) criminal actions against defendants who are
1-20 detained in jail pending trial;

1-21 (B) criminal actions involving a charge that a
1-22 person committed an act of family violence, as defined by Section
1-23 71.004 [~~71.01~~], Family Code; and

1-24 (C) an offense under:

1-25 (i) Section 21.11, Penal Code;

1-26 (ii) Chapter 22, Penal Code, if the victim
1-27 of the alleged offense is younger than 17 years of age;

1-28 (iii) Section 25.02, Penal Code, if the
1-29 victim of the alleged offense is younger than 17 years of age; or

1-30 (iv) Section 25.06, Penal Code;

1-31 (3) election contests and suits under the Election
1-32 Code;

1-33 (4) orders for the protection of the family under
1-34 Section 6.504, 85.005, 85.021, or 85.022 [~~3.581, 71.11, or 71.12~~],
1-35 Family Code;

1-36 (5) appeals of final rulings and decisions of the
1-37 Texas Workers' Compensation Commission and claims under the Federal
1-38 Employers' Liability Act and the Jones Act; [~~and~~]

1-39 (6) appeals of final orders of the commissioner of the
1-40 General Land Office under Section 51.3021, Natural Resources Code;
1-41 and

1-42 (7) appeals of appraisal review board orders brought
1-43 under Section 42.01 or 42.015, Tax Code.

1-44 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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