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S.B. No. 520

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition of the 83rd Judicial District and to the election of the district attorney for that district.

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

SECTION 1. Section 24.185, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 24.185. 83RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (PECOS, TERRELL, ~~[UPTON,~~ AND VAL VERDE COUNTIES). (a) The 83rd Judicial District is composed of Pecos, Terrell, ~~[Upton,~~ and Val Verde counties.

(b) The 83rd and 112th district courts have concurrent jurisdiction in Pecos County ~~[and Upton counties]~~.

(c) The 83rd and 63rd district courts have concurrent jurisdiction in Terrell and Val Verde counties.

(d) The terms of the 83rd District Court begin~~+~~  
~~[(1)]~~ on the second Monday in January and July~~+, and~~  
~~[(2)] in Upton County on the 12th Monday after the first~~  
~~Mondays in January and July]~~.

(e) In each of the counties of Pecos, Terrell, ~~[Upton,~~ and Val Verde, a petition or other pleading filed in the district courts is sufficient if addressed "To The District Court of Pecos County, Texas," "To The District Court of Terrell County, Texas," ~~["To~~  
~~The District Court of Upton County, Texas,"]~~ or "To The District Court of Val Verde County, Texas," respectively, without giving the number of the district court in the address.

1           SECTION 2. Section 43.141(a), Government Code, is amended  
2 to read as follows:

3           (a) The voters of Brewster, Jeff Davis, Pecos, and Presidio  
4 [~~, and Upton~~] counties elect a district attorney for the 83rd  
5 Judicial District.

6           SECTION 3. (a) The local administrative district judge  
7 shall transfer all cases from Upton County that are pending in the  
8 83rd District Court on September 1, 2003, to the 112th District  
9 Court.

10          (b) When a case is transferred as provided by Subsection (a)  
11 of this section, all processes, writs, bonds, recognizances, or  
12 other obligations issued from the 83rd District Court are  
13 returnable to the 112th District Court as if originally issued by  
14 that court. The obligees on all bonds and recognizances taken in  
15 and for the 83rd District Court and all witnesses summoned to appear  
16 in the 83rd District Court are required to appear before the 112th  
17 District Court as if originally required to appear before that  
18 court.

19          SECTION 4. Section 43.141(a), Government Code, as amended  
20 by this Act, does not affect the election of a district attorney for  
21 the 83rd Judicial District held before September 1, 2003. The  
22 district attorney of the 83rd Judicial District elected before and  
23 serving on that date shall serve the remainder of the elected term,  
24 unless otherwise removed by law.

25          SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.