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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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