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S.B. No. 979

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition of the 274th Judicial District and the jurisdiction of the 207th and 274th district courts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 24.451, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 24.451. 274TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (~~[Caldwell]~~ COMAL, GUADALUPE, AND HAYS COUNTIES). (a) The 274th Judicial District is composed of ~~[Caldwell]~~ Comal, Guadalupe, and Hays counties.

(b) The terms of the 274th District Court begin on the second Tuesdays in February and August in ~~[Caldwell and]~~ Comal County ~~[counties]~~, on the second Tuesdays in May and November in Guadalupe County, and on the second Tuesdays in June and December in Hays County.

(c) The ~~[jurisdiction of the]~~ 274th District Court has the same ~~[is concurrent with the]~~ jurisdiction as ~~[of]~~ the 22nd and the 207th district courts in ~~[Caldwell]~~ Comal~~]~~ and Hays counties and concurrent jurisdiction with the 25th and Second 25th district courts in Guadalupe County.

(d) Section 24.123, relating to the 22nd District Court, contains provisions applicable to both that court and the 274th District Court.

SECTION 2. Subsection (c), Section 24.386, Government Code, is repealed.

1           SECTION 3. (a) The local administrative district judge  
2 shall transfer all cases from Caldwell County that are pending in  
3 the 274th District Court on September 1, 2003, to the 22nd and 207th  
4 district courts.

5           (b) When a case is transferred as provided by Subsection (a)  
6 of this section, all processes, writs, bonds, recognizances, or  
7 other obligations issued from the 274th District Court are  
8 returnable to the 22nd or 207th District Court, as applicable, as if  
9 originally issued by that court. The obligees on all bonds and  
10 recognizances taken in and for the 274th District Court and all  
11 witnesses summoned to appear in the 274th District Court are  
12 required to appear before the 22nd or 207th District Court, as  
13 applicable, as if originally required to appear before that court.

14          SECTION 4. Section 24.386, Government Code, as amended by  
15 this Act, applies only to an action filed on or after the effective  
16 date of this Act. An action filed before the effective date of this  
17 Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the action was  
18 filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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