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S.B. No. 979

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the composition of the 274th judicial district and the
3 jurisdiction of the 207th and 274th district courts.

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

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

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

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

15 (c) The ~~[jurisdiction of the]~~ 274th District Court has the
16 same ~~[is concurrent with the]~~ jurisdiction as ~~[of]~~ the 22nd and the
17 207th district courts in ~~[Caldwell,]~~ Comal~~[,]~~ and Hays counties and
18 concurrent jurisdiction with the 25th and Second 25th district
19 courts in Guadalupe County.

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

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 Section 24.386(c), Government Code, is repealed.

24 SECTION 3. (a) The local administrative district judge

1 shall transfer all cases from Caldwell County that are pending in
2 the 274th District Court on September 1, 2003, to the 22nd and 107th
3 district courts.

4 (b) When a case is transferred as provided by Subsection (a)
5 of this section, all processes, writs, bonds, recognizances, or
6 other obligations issued from the 274th District Court are
7 returnable to the 22nd or 107th District Court, as applicable, as if
8 originally issued by that court. The obligees on all bonds and
9 recognizances taken in and for the 274th District Court and all
10 witnesses summoned to appear in the 274th District Court are
11 required to appear before the 22nd or 107th District Court, as
12 applicable, as if originally required to appear before that court.

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

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