

1-1 By: Wentworth S.B. No. 979  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2003; March 13, 2003, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;  
1-4 March 24, 2003, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; March 24, 2003,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 979 By: Gallegos

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the composition of the 274th Judicial District and the  
1-11 jurisdiction of the 207th and 274th district courts.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 24.451, Government Code, is amended to  
1-14 read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 24.451. 274TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (~~[CALDWELL,~~ COMAL,  
1-16 GUADALUPE, AND HAYS COUNTIES). (a) The 274th Judicial District is  
1-17 composed of ~~[Caldwell,~~ Comal, Guadalupe, and Hays counties.

1-18 (b) The terms of the 274th District Court begin on the  
1-19 second Tuesdays in February and August in ~~[Caldwell and]~~ Comal  
1-20 County ~~[counties]~~, on the second Tuesdays in May and November in  
1-21 Guadalupe County, and on the second Tuesdays in June and December in  
1-22 Hays County.

1-23 (c) The ~~[jurisdiction of the]~~ 274th District Court has the  
1-24 same [is concurrent with the] jurisdiction as [of] the 22nd and the  
1-25 207th district courts in ~~[Caldwell,~~ Comal~~]~~ and Hays counties and  
1-26 concurrent jurisdiction with the 25th and Second 25th district  
1-27 courts in Guadalupe County.

1-28 (d) Section 24.123, relating to the 22nd District Court,  
1-29 contains provisions applicable to both that court and the 274th  
1-30 District Court.

1-31 SECTION 2. Subsection (c), Section 24.386, Government Code,  
1-32 is repealed.

1-33 SECTION 3. (a) The local administrative district judge  
1-34 shall transfer all cases from Caldwell County that are pending in  
1-35 the 274th District Court on September 1, 2003, to the 22nd and 207th  
1-36 district courts.

1-37 (b) When a case is transferred as provided by Subsection (a)  
1-38 of this section, all processes, writs, bonds, recognizances, or  
1-39 other obligations issued from the 274th District Court are  
1-40 returnable to the 22nd or 207th District Court, as applicable, as if  
1-41 originally issued by that court. The obligees on all bonds and  
1-42 recognizances taken in and for the 274th District Court and all  
1-43 witnesses summoned to appear in the 274th District Court are  
1-44 required to appear before the 22nd or 207th District Court, as  
1-45 applicable, as if originally required to appear before that court.

1-46 SECTION 4. Section 24.386, Government Code, as amended by  
1-47 this Act, applies only to an action filed on or after the effective  
1-48 date of this Act. An action filed before the effective date of this  
1-49 Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the action was  
1-50 filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-51 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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