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S.B. No. 1206

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the jurisdiction of a county civil court at law in Harris County.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.1032(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A county civil court at law in Harris County has concurrent [~~exclusive~~] jurisdiction with the district court [~~in Harris County~~] of eminent domain proceedings, both statutory and inverse, regardless of the amount in controversy. A party initiating a condemnation proceeding in Harris County may file a petition with any clerk authorized to accept the petition for the district courts. In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, a county civil court at law has jurisdiction to:

(1) decide the issue of title to real or personal property;

(2) hear a suit to recover damages for slander or defamation of character;

(3) hear a suit for the enforcement of a lien on real property;

(4) hear a suit for the forfeiture of a corporate charter;

(5) hear a suit for the trial of the right to property valued at \$200 or more that has been levied on under a writ of

1 execution, sequestration, or attachment; and

2 (6) hear a suit for the recovery of real property.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.