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S.B. No. 1551

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the creation and composition of judicial districts and
3 the election and powers and duties of certain district attorneys.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) Subchapter C, Chapter 24, Government Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 24.557 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 24.557. 413TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (JOHNSON COUNTY). The
8 413th Judicial District is composed of Johnson County.

9 (b) The 413th Judicial District is created and this section
10 takes effect September 1, 2003.

11 SECTION 2. (a) Subchapter C, Chapter 24, Government Code,
12 is amended by adding Section 24.558 to read as follows:

13 Sec. 24.558. 414TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (MCLENNAN COUNTY). The
14 414th Judicial District is composed of McLennan County.

15 (b) The 414th Judicial District is created and this section
16 takes effect September 1, 2003.

17 SECTION 3. (a) Subchapter C, Chapter 24, Government Code,
18 is amended by adding Section 24.559 to read as follows:

19 Sec. 24.559. 415TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (PARKER COUNTY). The
20 415th Judicial District is composed of Parker County.

21 (b) Section 32.184(a), Government Code, is amended to read
22 as follows:

23 (a) The Commissioners Court of Parker County may budget for
24 and pay the judges [~~judge~~] of the 43rd and 415th judicial districts

1 ~~[Judicial District]~~ an annual salary not to exceed \$7,800 for
2 performing judicial and administrative services.

3 (c) Section 43.125, Government Code, is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 Sec. 43.125. 43RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT. The voters of the 43rd
6 Judicial District elect a district attorney who represents the
7 state in all cases before the 43rd and 415th district courts.

8 (d) Section 152.1901(b), Human Resources Code, is amended
9 to read as follows:

10 (b) The ~~[district court]~~ judge of the 43rd Judicial District
11 is the chairman of the board.

12 (e) The 415th Judicial District is created and this section
13 takes effect September 1, 2003.

14 SECTION 4. (a) Subchapter C, Chapter 24, Government Code,
15 is amended by adding Sections 24.560 and 24.561 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 24.560. 416TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (COLLIN COUNTY). The
17 416th Judicial District is composed of Collin County.

18 Sec. 24.561. 417TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (COLLIN COUNTY). (a)
19 The 417th Judicial District is composed of Collin County.

20 (b) The 417th District Court shall give preference to
21 juvenile matters.

22 (b) Subchapter C, Chapter 24, Government Code, is amended by
23 adding Section 24.562 to read as follows:

24 Sec. 24.562. 418TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (COLLIN COUNTY). The
25 418th Judicial District is composed of Collin County.

26 (c) The 416th and 417th judicial districts are created
27 September 1, 2003, and Subsection (a) of this section takes effect

1 September 1, 2003.

2 (d) The 418th Judicial District is created September 1,
3 2004, and Subsection (b) of this section takes effect September 1,
4 2004.

5 SECTION 5. (a) Subchapter C, Chapter 24, Government Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 24.564 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 24.564. 420TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (NACOGDOCHES
8 COUNTY). The 420th Judicial District is composed of Nacogdoches
9 County.

10 (b) The 420th Judicial District is created and this section
11 takes effect September 1, 2003.

12 SECTION 6. (a) Section 24.185, Government Code, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 24.185. 83RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (PECOS, TERRELL,
15 [~~UPTON,~~] AND VAL VERDE COUNTIES). (a) The 83rd Judicial District
16 is composed of Pecos, Terrell, [~~Upton,~~] and Val Verde counties.

17 (b) The 83rd and 112th district courts have concurrent
18 jurisdiction in Pecos County [~~and Upton counties~~].

19 (c) The 83rd and 63rd district courts have concurrent
20 jurisdiction in Terrell and Val Verde counties.

21 (d) The terms of the 83rd District Court begin[+
22 [~~(1)~~] on the second Monday in January and July[~~, and~~
23 [~~(2)~~ in Upton County on the 12th Monday after the first
24 Mondays in January and July].

25 (e) In each of the counties of Pecos, Terrell, [~~Upton,~~] and
26 Val Verde, a petition or other pleading filed in the district courts
27 is sufficient if addressed "To The District Court of Pecos County,

1 Texas," , "To The District Court of Terrell County, Texas," , [~~"To~~
2 ~~The District Court of Upton County, Texas,"~~], or "To The District
3 Court of Val Verde County, Texas," respectively, without giving the
4 number of the district court in the address.

5 (b) Section 43.141(a), Government Code, is amended to read
6 as follows:

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

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

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

22 (e) Section 43.141(a), Government Code, as amended by this
23 section, does not affect the election of a district attorney for the
24 83rd Judicial District held before September 1, 2003. The district
25 attorney of the 83rd Judicial District elected before and serving
26 on that date shall serve the remainder of the elected term, unless
27 otherwise removed by law.

1 (f) This section takes effect September 1, 2003.

2 SECTION 7. (a) Subchapter C, Chapter 24, Government Code,
3 is amended by adding Section 24.566 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 24.566. 422ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT (KAUFMAN COUNTY). The
5 422nd Judicial District is composed of Kaufman County.

6 (b) The 422nd Judicial District is created and this section
7 takes effect September 1, 2003.

8 SECTION 8. (a) Subchapter C, Chapter 24, Government Code,
9 is amended by adding Section 24.567 to read as follows:

10 Sec. 24.567. 423RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (TRAVIS COUNTY). The
11 423rd Judicial District is composed of Travis County.

12 (b) The 423rd Judicial District is created and this section
13 takes effect September 1, 2003.

14 SECTION 9. Except as otherwise provided by this Act, this
15 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.