

Amend CSHB 3 by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION of the bill to read as follows and renumbering the existing SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

Section _____. Subsection (a), Section 23.101, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The trial courts of this state shall regularly and frequently set hearings and trials of pending matters, giving preference to hearings and trials of the following:

(1) temporary injunctions;

(2) criminal actions, with the following actions given preference over other criminal actions:

(A) criminal actions against defendants who are detained in jail pending trial;

(B) criminal actions involving a charge that a person committed an act of family violence, as defined by Section 71.004, Family Code; and

(C) an offense under:

(i) Section 21.11, Penal Code;

(ii) Chapter 22, Penal Code, if the victim of the alleged offense is younger than 17 years of age;

(iii) Section 25.02, Penal Code, if the victim of the alleged offense is younger than 17 years of age; or

(iv) Section 25.06, Penal Code;

(3) election contests and suits under the Election Code;

(4) orders for the protection of the family under Subtitle B, Title 4, Family Code;

(5) appeals of final rulings and decisions of the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission and claims under the Federal Employers' Liability Act and the Jones Act; ~~and~~

(6) appeals of final orders of the commissioner of the General Land Office under Section 51.3021, Natural Resources Code; and

(7) appeals of appraisal review board orders brought under Section 42.01, 42.02, or 42.015, Tax Code.