

AN ACT

relating to the jurisdiction of the County Court at Law of Randall County.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.1932(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In addition to the jurisdiction provided by Section 25.0003 and other law, a county court at law in Randall County has concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in:

(1) family law cases and proceedings;

(2) cases and proceedings involving justiciable controversies and differences between spouses, or between parents, or between parent and child, or between any of these and third persons;

(3) civil cases in which the amount in controversy is within the limits prescribed by Section 25.0003(c)(1); and

(4) felony cases to conduct arraignments, conduct pretrial hearings, and accept ~~[guilty]~~ pleas in uncontested matters.

SECTION 2. (a) Section 25.1932(a)(4), Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies to a criminal case that is pending or commences on or after the effective date of this Act.

(b) For purposes of this section, a criminal case is pending if a final judgment has not been entered in the case and commences

1 when an indictment or information is presented to the court.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 595 was passed by the House on March 23, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 595 on May 16, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 595 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 10, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor