

By: Smithee

H.B. No. 595

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the jurisdiction of the County Court at Law of Randall  
3 County.

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

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

7 (a) In addition to the jurisdiction provided by Section  
8 25.0003 and other law, a county court at law in Randall County has  
9 concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in:

10 (1) family law cases and proceedings;

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

15 (3) civil cases; and

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

19 SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies to  
20 a criminal case that is pending or commences on or after the  
21 effective date of this Act.

22 (b) For purposes of this section, a criminal case is pending  
23 if a final judgment has not been entered in the case and commences  
24 when an indictment or information is presented to the court.

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