

1-1 By: Smithee (Senate Sponsor - Seliger) H.B. No. 595
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 29, 2005;
1-3 March 30, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; April 29, 2005, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0;
1-6 April 29, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 595 By: Gallegos

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the jurisdiction of the County Court at Law of Randall
1-11 County.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 25.1932(a), Government Code, is amended
1-14 to read as follows:

1-15 (a) In addition to the jurisdiction provided by Section
1-16 25.0003 and other law, a county court at law in Randall County has
1-17 concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in:

1-18 (1) family law cases and proceedings;

1-19 (2) cases and proceedings involving justiciable
1-20 controversies and differences between spouses, or between parents,
1-21 or between parent and child, or between any of these and third
1-22 persons;

1-23 (3) civil cases in which the amount in controversy is
1-24 within the limits prescribed by Section 25.0003(c)(1); and

1-25 (4) felony cases to conduct arraignments, conduct
1-26 pretrial hearings, and accept [guilty] pleas in uncontested
1-27 matters.

1-28 SECTION 2. (a) Section 25.1932(a)(4), Government Code, as
1-29 amended by this Act, applies to a criminal case that is pending or
1-30 commences on or after the effective date of this Act.

1-31 (b) For purposes of this section, a criminal case is pending
1-32 if a final judgment has not been entered in the case and commences
1-33 when an indictment or information is presented to the court.

1-34 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-35 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-36 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-37 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-38 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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