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H.B. No. 1142

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the jurisdiction of certain courts in Tarrant County.

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

SECTION 1. Section 24.541(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the 396th District Court has concurrent original jurisdiction with:

(1) the county criminal courts in Tarrant County over misdemeanor cases; and

(2) the justice courts to receive guilty pleas in misdemeanor cases.

SECTION 2. Section 25.2223(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A county criminal court in Tarrant County has jurisdiction over all criminal matters and causes, original and appellate, prescribed by law for county courts, but does not have civil jurisdiction. The County Criminal Court No. 5 of Tarrant County also has concurrent original jurisdiction with the justice courts to receive guilty pleas in misdemeanor cases. The County Criminal Courts Nos. 5 and 10 of Tarrant County also have concurrent jurisdiction within the county of all appeals from criminal convictions under the laws of this state and the municipal ordinances of the municipalities located in Tarrant County that are appealed from the justice courts and municipal courts in the

1 county. The County Criminal Courts Nos. 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of
2 Tarrant County also have concurrent jurisdiction with the district
3 court in felony cases to conduct arraignments, conduct pretrial
4 hearings, and accept guilty pleas.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005