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H.B. No. 1905

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the jurisdiction of county courts at law in Bexar  
3 County.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 25.0172, Government Code, is amended by  
6 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as  
7 follows:

8 (a) In addition to the jurisdiction provided by Section  
9 25.0003 and other law, a county court at law in Bexar County has  
10 concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in civil cases in  
11 which the matter in controversy exceeds \$500 but does not exceed  
12 \$250,000, excluding interest, statutory or punitive damages and  
13 penalties, and attorney's fees and costs, as alleged on the face of  
14 the petition.

15 (a-1) The County Court at Law No. 1 shall give preference to  
16 criminal cases.

17 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
18 to civil actions filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A  
19 civil action filed before the effective date of this Act is covered  
20 by the law in effect when the action was filed, and the former law is  
21 continued in effect for that purpose.

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