

AN ACT

relating to the jurisdiction of the district courts in Nueces County to receive guilty pleas in and dispose of certain misdemeanor cases.

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

SECTION 1. Section 24.130, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the 28th District Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the county courts at law in Nueces County to receive a guilty plea in a misdemeanor case pending in a county court at law in Nueces County and dispose of the case, regardless of whether the case is transferred to the district court. The judgment, order, or action of the district court is valid and binding as if the case were pending in the district court.

SECTION 2. Section 24.196, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the 94th District Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the county courts at law in Nueces County to receive a guilty plea in a misdemeanor case pending in a county court at law in Nueces County and dispose of the case, regardless of whether the case is transferred to the district court. The judgment, order, or action of the district court is valid and binding as if the case were

1 pending in the district court.

2 SECTION 3. Section 24.207, Government Code, is amended by
3 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

4 (d) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the
5 105th District Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the county
6 courts at law in Nueces County to receive a guilty plea in a
7 misdemeanor case pending in a county court at law in Nueces County
8 and dispose of the case, regardless of whether the case is
9 transferred to the district court. The judgment, order, or action
10 of the district court is valid and binding as if the case were
11 pending in the district court.

12 SECTION 4. Section 24.219, Government Code, is amended by
13 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

14 (d) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the
15 117th District Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the county
16 courts at law in Nueces County to receive a guilty plea in a
17 misdemeanor case pending in a county court at law in Nueces County
18 and dispose of the case, regardless of whether the case is
19 transferred to the district court. The judgment, order, or action
20 of the district court is valid and binding as if the case were
21 pending in the district court.

22 SECTION 5. Section 24.353, Government Code, is amended by
23 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

24 (c) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the
25 148th District Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the county
26 courts at law in Nueces County to receive a guilty plea in a
27 misdemeanor case pending in a county court at law in Nueces County

1 and dispose of the case, regardless of whether the case is
2 transferred to the district court. The judgment, order, or action
3 of the district court is valid and binding as if the case were
4 pending in the district court.

5 SECTION 6. Section 24.393, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 (c) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the
8 214th District Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the county
9 courts at law in Nueces County to receive a guilty plea in a
10 misdemeanor case pending in a county court at law in Nueces County
11 and dispose of the case, regardless of whether the case is
12 transferred to the district court. The judgment, order, or action
13 of the district court is valid and binding as if the case were
14 pending in the district court.

15 SECTION 7. Section 24.493, Government Code, is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 Sec. 24.493. 347TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (NUECES COUNTY). (a)
18 The 347th Judicial District is composed of Nueces County.

19 (b) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the
20 347th District Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the county
21 courts at law in Nueces County to receive a guilty plea in a
22 misdemeanor case pending in a county court at law in Nueces County
23 and dispose of the case, regardless of whether the case is
24 transferred to the district court. The judgment, order, or action
25 of the district court is valid and binding as if the case were
26 pending in the district court.

27 SECTION 8. Section 24.627, Government Code, is amended by

1 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

2 (c) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the
3 319th District Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the county
4 courts at law in Nueces County to receive a guilty plea in a
5 misdemeanor case pending in a county court at law in Nueces County
6 and dispose of the case, regardless of whether the case is
7 transferred to the district court. The judgment, order, or action
8 of the district court is valid and binding as if the case were
9 pending in the district court.

10 SECTION 9. The changes in law made by this Act apply to a
11 case that is pending or filed on or after the effective date of this
12 Act.

13 SECTION 10. This Act takes effect immediately if it
14 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
15 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
16 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
17 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2913 was passed by the House on April 14, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2913 was passed by the Senate on May 5, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor