By: Luna H.B. No. 2913

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2913:

By: Hartnett C.S.H.B. No. 2913

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the jurisdiction of the district courts in Nueces

3 County to receive guilty pleas in and dispose of certain

- 4 misdemeanor cases.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Section 24.130, Government Code, is amended by
- 7 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:
- 8 (d) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the
- 9 28th District Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the county
- 10 courts at law in Nueces County to receive a guilty plea in a
- 11 misdemeanor case pending in a county court at law in Nueces County
- 12 and dispose of the case, regardless of whether the case is
- 13 <u>transferred to the district court.</u> The judgment, order, or action
- 14 of the district court is valid and binding as if the case were
- 15 pending in the district court.
- SECTION 2. Section 24.196, Government Code, is amended by
- 17 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:
- (d) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the
- 19 94th District Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the county
- 20 courts at law in Nueces County to receive a guilty plea in a
- 21 misdemeanor case pending in a county court at law in Nueces County
- 22 and dispose of the case, regardless of whether the case is
- 23 <u>transferred to the district court.</u> The judgment, order, or action
- 24 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:
- (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 <u>misdemeanor case pending in a county court at law in Nueces County</u>

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- 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 <u>transferred to the district court.</u> 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 <u>courts at law in Nueces County to receive a guilty plea in a</u>
- 22 <u>misdemeanor case pending in a county court at law in Nueces County</u>
- 23 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
- 26 pending in the district court.
- 27 SECTION 8. Section 24.627, Government Code, is amended by

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- 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
- 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.