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H.B. No. 2913

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
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 transferred to the district court. 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.

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

18 (d) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the
19 105th 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 transferred to the district court. 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 24.353, Government Code, is amended by
3 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

4 (c) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the
5 148th 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 24.393, Government Code, is amended by
13 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

14 (c) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the
15 214th 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 24.493, Government Code, is amended to
23 read as follows:

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

26 (b) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the
27 347th District Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the county

1 courts at law in Nueces County to receive a guilty plea in a
2 misdemeanor case pending in a county court at law in Nueces County
3 and dispose of the case, regardless of whether the case is
4 transferred to the district court. The judgment, order, or action
5 of the district court is valid and binding as if the case were
6 pending in the district court.

7 SECTION 6. Section 24.627, Government Code, is amended by
8 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

9 (c) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the
10 319th District Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the county
11 courts at law in Nueces County to receive a guilty plea in a
12 misdemeanor case pending in a county court at law in Nueces County
13 and dispose of the case, regardless of whether the case is
14 transferred to the district court. The judgment, order, or action
15 of the district court is valid and binding as if the case were
16 pending in the district court.

17 SECTION 7. The changes in law made by this Act apply to a
18 case that is pending or filed on or after the effective date of this
19 Act.

20 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.