

1-1 By: Luna (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 2913
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 18, 2005;
1-3 April 19, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; April 28, 2005, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; April 28, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the jurisdiction of the district courts in Nueces
1-9 County to receive guilty pleas in and dispose of certain
1-10 misdemeanor cases.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 24.130, Government Code, is amended by
1-13 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-14 (d) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the
1-15 28th District Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the county
1-16 courts at law in Nueces County to receive a guilty plea in a
1-17 misdemeanor case pending in a county court at law in Nueces County
1-18 and dispose of the case, regardless of whether the case is
1-19 transferred to the district court. The judgment, order, or action
1-20 of the district court is valid and binding as if the case were
1-21 pending in the district court.

1-22 SECTION 2. Section 24.196, Government Code, is amended by
1-23 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-24 (d) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the
1-25 94th District Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the county
1-26 courts at law in Nueces County to receive a guilty plea in a
1-27 misdemeanor case pending in a county court at law in Nueces County
1-28 and dispose of the case, regardless of whether the case is
1-29 transferred to the district court. The judgment, order, or action
1-30 of the district court is valid and binding as if the case were
1-31 pending in the district court.

1-32 SECTION 3. Section 24.207, Government Code, is amended by
1-33 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-34 (d) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the
1-35 105th District Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the county
1-36 courts at law in Nueces County to receive a guilty plea in a
1-37 misdemeanor case pending in a county court at law in Nueces County
1-38 and dispose of the case, regardless of whether the case is
1-39 transferred to the district court. The judgment, order, or action
1-40 of the district court is valid and binding as if the case were
1-41 pending in the district court.

1-42 SECTION 4. Section 24.219, Government Code, is amended by
1-43 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-44 (d) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the
1-45 117th District Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the county
1-46 courts at law in Nueces County to receive a guilty plea in a
1-47 misdemeanor case pending in a county court at law in Nueces County
1-48 and dispose of the case, regardless of whether the case is
1-49 transferred to the district court. The judgment, order, or action
1-50 of the district court is valid and binding as if the case were
1-51 pending in the district court.

1-52 SECTION 5. Section 24.353, Government Code, is amended by
1-53 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-54 (c) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the
1-55 148th District Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the county
1-56 courts at law in Nueces County to receive a guilty plea in a
1-57 misdemeanor case pending in a county court at law in Nueces County
1-58 and dispose of the case, regardless of whether the case is
1-59 transferred to the district court. The judgment, order, or action
1-60 of the district court is valid and binding as if the case were
1-61 pending in the district court.

1-62 SECTION 6. Section 24.393, Government Code, is amended by
1-63 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-64 (c) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the

2-1 214th District Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the county
2-2 courts at law in Nueces County to receive a guilty plea in a
2-3 misdemeanor case pending in a county court at law in Nueces County
2-4 and dispose of the case, regardless of whether the case is
2-5 transferred to the district court. The judgment, order, or action
2-6 of the district court is valid and binding as if the case were
2-7 pending in the district court.

2-8 SECTION 7. Section 24.493, Government Code, is amended to
2-9 read as follows:

2-10 Sec. 24.493. 347TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (NUECES COUNTY). (a)
2-11 The 347th Judicial District is composed of Nueces County.

2-12 (b) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the
2-13 347th District Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the county
2-14 courts at law in Nueces County to receive a guilty plea in a
2-15 misdemeanor case pending in a county court at law in Nueces County
2-16 and dispose of the case, regardless of whether the case is
2-17 transferred to the district court. The judgment, order, or action
2-18 of the district court is valid and binding as if the case were
2-19 pending in the district court.

2-20 SECTION 8. Section 24.627, Government Code, is amended by
2-21 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

2-22 (c) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the
2-23 319th District Court has concurrent jurisdiction with the county
2-24 courts at law in Nueces County to receive a guilty plea in a
2-25 misdemeanor case pending in a county court at law in Nueces County
2-26 and dispose of the case, regardless of whether the case is
2-27 transferred to the district court. The judgment, order, or action
2-28 of the district court is valid and binding as if the case were
2-29 pending in the district court.

2-30 SECTION 9. The changes in law made by this Act apply to a
2-31 case that is pending or filed on or after the effective date of this
2-32 Act.

2-33 SECTION 10. This Act takes effect immediately if it
2-34 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
2-35 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
2-36 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
2-37 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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