

AN ACT

relating to the creation of an additional statutory county court in Brazoria County.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.0221, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 25.0221. BRAZORIA COUNTY. Brazoria County has the following statutory county courts:

(1) County Court at Law No. 1 and Probate Court of Brazoria County;

(2) County Court at Law No. 2 and Probate Court of Brazoria County; ~~and~~

(3) County Court at Law No. 3 and Probate Court of Brazoria County; and

(4) County Court at Law No. 4 and Probate Court of Brazoria County.

SECTION 2. (a) Notwithstanding Section 25.0221, Government Code, as amended by this Act, the County Court at Law No. 4 and Probate Court of Brazoria County is created January 1, 2007.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 25.0009, Government Code, the initial vacancy in the office of judge of the County Court at Law No. 4 and Probate Court of Brazoria County shall be filled by election. The office exists for purposes of the primary and general elections in 2006. A vacancy after the initial vacancy is filled as

1 provided by Section 25.0009, Government Code.

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

H.B. No. 3489

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3489 was passed by the House on April 22, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3489 was passed by the Senate on May 12, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor