(In the Senate - Received from the House April 25, 2005; April 26, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence; May 5, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 5, 2005, sent to printer.) 1-1 1-2 1-3 1-4 1-5 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1-6 1-7 AN ACT relating to the creation of an additional statutory county court in 1-8 1-9 Brazoria County. 1-10 1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: SECTION 1. Section 25.0221, Government Code, is amended to 1-12 read as follows: 1-13 Sec. 25.0221. BRAZORIA COUNTY. Brazoria County has the 1-14 following statutory county courts: 1**-**15 1**-**16 (1) County Court at Law No. 1 and Probate Court of Brazoria County; 1-17 (2) County Court at Law No. 2 and Probate Court of 1-18 Brazoria County; [and] (3) County Court at Law No. 3 and Probate Court of 1-19 1-20 1-21 Brazoria County; and (4) County Court at Law No. 4 and Probate Court of 1-22 Brazoria County. SECTION 2. 1-23 (a) Notwithstanding Section 25.0221, Government Code, as amended by this Act, the County Court at Law No. 1-24 4 and Probate Court of Brazoria County is created January 1, 2007.
(b) Notwithstanding Section 25.0009, Government Code, t 1-25 1-26 1-27 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 1-28

election. The office exists for purposes of the primary and general elections in 2006. A vacancy after the initial vacancy is filled as provided by Section 25.0009, Government Code.

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

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