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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

relating to the priority given to the hearing by trial courts of  
certain ad valorem tax matters.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 23.101, Government Code,  
is amended to read as follows:

(a) The trial courts of this state shall regularly and  
frequently set hearings and trials of pending matters, giving  
preference to hearings and trials of the following:

(1) temporary injunctions;

(2) criminal actions, with the following actions given  
preference over other criminal actions:

(A) criminal actions against defendants who are  
detained in jail pending trial;

(B) criminal actions involving a charge that a  
person committed an act of family violence, as defined by Section  
71.004, Family Code; and

(C) an offense under:

(i) Section 21.11, Penal Code;

(ii) Chapter 22, Penal Code, if the victim  
of the alleged offense is younger than 17 years of age;

(iii) Section 25.02, Penal Code, if the  
victim of the alleged offense is younger than 17 years of age; or

(iv) Section 25.06, Penal Code;

(3) election contests and suits under the Election  
Code;

(4) orders for the protection of the family under  
Subtitle B, Title 4, Family Code;

(5) appeals of final rulings and decisions of the  
Texas Workers' Compensation Commission and claims under the Federal  
Employers' Liability Act and the Jones Act; ~~and~~

(6) appeals of final orders of the commissioner of the  
General Land Office under Section 51.3021, Natural Resources Code;  
and

(7) appeals of appraisal review board orders brought  
under Section 42.01 or 42.015, Tax Code.

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

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