

1-1 By: Seliger S.B. No. 673  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 23, 2005; March 2, 2005,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;  
1-4 March 29, 2005, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; March 29, 2005,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 673 By: Duncan

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the jurisdiction of the County Court at Law of Randall  
1-11 County.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 25.1932, Government  
1-14 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-15 (a) In addition to the jurisdiction provided by Section  
1-16 25.0003 and other law, a county court at law in Randall County has  
1-17 concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in:

1-18 (1) family law cases and proceedings;

1-19 (2) cases and proceedings involving justiciable  
1-20 controversies and differences between spouses, or between parents,  
1-21 or between parent and child, or between any of these and third  
1-22 persons;

1-23 (3) civil cases in which the amount in controversy is  
1-24 within the limits prescribed by Section 25.0003(c)(1); and

1-25 (4) felony cases to conduct arraignments, conduct  
1-26 pretrial hearings, and accept ~~guilty~~ pleas in uncontested  
1-27 matters.

1-28 SECTION 2. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies  
1-29 to a criminal case that is pending or commences on or after the  
1-30 effective date of this Act.

1-31 (b) For purposes of this section, a criminal case is pending  
1-32 if a final judgment has not been entered in the case and commences  
1-33 when an indictment or information is presented to the court.

1-34 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-35 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-36 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-37 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-38 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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