

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 1620
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2005; March 23, 2005, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;
1-4 April 7, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6,
1-5 Nays 0; April 7, 2005, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the composition of the judicial districts in Cameron
1-9 and Willacy Counties.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 24.205, Government Code, is amended to
1-12 read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 24.205. 103rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT (CAMERON COUNTY [~~AND~~
1-14 ~~WILLACY COUNTIES~~]). (a) The 103rd Judicial District is composed
1-15 of Cameron County [~~and Willacy counties~~]. The court shall give
1-16 preference to civil cases.

1-17 (b) The 103rd, 107th, and 138th district courts have
1-18 concurrent jurisdiction.

1-19 (c) The terms of the 103rd District Court begin[+]

1-20 [~~(1) in Cameron County~~] on the first Mondays in
1-21 February and July[+, and

1-22 [~~(2) in Willacy County on the first Mondays in January~~
1-23 ~~and June~~].

1-24 (d) The judges of the 103rd and 107th district courts need
1-25 not impanel grand juries except in cases of emergency.

1-26 SECTION 2. Section 24.209, Government Code, is amended to
1-27 read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 24.209. 107th JUDICIAL DISTRICT (CAMERON COUNTY [~~AND~~
1-29 ~~WILLACY COUNTIES~~]). (a) The 107th Judicial District is composed
1-30 of Cameron County [~~and Willacy counties~~]. The court shall give
1-31 preference to criminal cases.

1-32 (b) The terms of the 107th District Court begin on the first
1-33 Mondays in January and July.

1-34 (c) Section 24.205, relating to the 103rd District Court,
1-35 contains provisions applicable to both that court and the 107th
1-36 District Court.

1-37 SECTION 3. Section 24.240, Government Code, is amended to
1-38 read as follows:

1-39 Sec. 24.240. 138th JUDICIAL DISTRICT (CAMERON COUNTY [~~AND~~
1-40 ~~WILLACY COUNTIES~~]). (a) The 138th Judicial District is composed
1-41 of Cameron County [~~and Willacy counties~~]. The court shall give
1-42 preference to criminal cases.

1-43 (b) The terms of the 138th District Court begin[+]

1-44 [~~(1) in Cameron County~~] on the first Mondays in March,
1-45 July, and November[+, and

1-46 [~~(2) in Willacy County on the first Mondays in~~
1-47 ~~January, May, and September~~].

1-48 (c) The judge of the 138th District Court shall impanel
1-49 grand juries at all times required by law.

1-50 (d) Section 24.205, relating to the 103rd District Court,
1-51 contains provisions applicable to both that court and the 138th
1-52 District Court.

1-53 SECTION 4. Section 24.503, Government Code, is amended to
1-54 read as follows:

1-55 Sec. 24.503. 357th JUDICIAL DISTRICT (CAMERON COUNTY [~~AND~~
1-56 ~~WILLACY COUNTIES~~]). The 357th Judicial District is composed of
1-57 Cameron County [~~and Willacy counties~~].

1-58 SECTION 5. Section 24.549, Government Code, is amended to
1-59 read as follows:

1-60 Sec. 24.549. 404th JUDICIAL DISTRICT (CAMERON COUNTY [~~AND~~
1-61 ~~WILLACY COUNTIES~~]). The 404th Judicial District is composed of
1-62 Cameron County [~~and Willacy counties~~].

1-63 SECTION 6. (a) The local administrative district judge
1-64 shall transfer all cases from Willacy County that are pending in the

2-1 103rd, 107th, 138th, 357th, and 404th district courts on September
2-2 1, 2005, to the 197th District Court.

2-3 (b) When a case is transferred as provided by Subsection (a)
2-4 of this section, all processes, writs, bonds, recognizances, or
2-5 other obligations issued from the 103rd, 107th, 138th, 357th, and
2-6 404th district courts are returnable to the 197th District Court as
2-7 if originally issued by that court. The obligees on all bonds and
2-8 recognizances taken in and for the 103rd, 107th, 138th, 357th, and
2-9 404th district courts and all witnesses summoned to appear in those
2-10 courts are required to appear before the 197th District Court as if
2-11 originally required to appear before that court.

2-12 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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