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H.B. No. 840

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the creation of additional county criminal courts at
3 law in El Paso County.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sec. 25.0731(a), Government Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (a) El Paso County has the following statutory county
8 courts:

9 (1) County Court at Law No. 1 of El Paso County, Texas;

10 (2) County Court at Law No. 2 of El Paso County, Texas;

11 (3) County Court at Law No. 3 of El Paso County, Texas;

12 (4) County Court at Law No. 4 of El Paso County, Texas;

13 (5) County Court at Law No. 5 of El Paso County, Texas;

14 (6) County Court at Law No. 6 of El Paso County, Texas;

15 (7) County Court at Law No. 7 of El Paso County, Texas;

16 (8) County Criminal Court at Law No. 1 of El Paso
17 County, Texas; ~~and~~

18 (9) County Criminal Court at Law No. 2 of El Paso
19 County, Texas;

20 (10) County Criminal Court at Law No. 3 of El Paso
21 County, Texas; and

22 (11) County Criminal Court at Law No. 4 of El Paso
23 County, Texas.

24 SECTION 2. Sections 25.0732(y) and (z), Government Code,

1 are amended to read as follows:

2 (y) The El Paso Council of Judges shall order the transfer
3 of criminal misdemeanor cases to the county criminal courts at law
4 [~~County Criminal Courts No. 1 and No. 2~~] from time to time to
5 equalize the criminal misdemeanor dockets of the statutory county
6 courts for the efficient operation of the court system and the
7 effective administration of justice.

8 (z) The County Criminal Courts No. 1, ~~and~~ No. 2, No. 3, and
9 No. 4 have the criminal jurisdiction provided by law for county
10 courts and appellate jurisdiction in appeals of criminal cases from
11 justice courts and municipal courts in the county as provided by
12 Article 45.042, Code of Criminal Procedure.

13 SECTION 3. The County Criminal Court at Law No. 3 of El Paso
14 County, Texas, and the County Criminal Court at Law No. 4 of El Paso
15 County, Texas, are created September 1, 2007.

16 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.