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H.B. No. 1628

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the El Paso County Criminal Judicial District No. 1.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 24, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 24.908 to read as follows:

Sec. 24.908. EL PASO COUNTY CRIMINAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT NO.

1. (a) The El Paso County Criminal Judicial District No. 1 is composed of El Paso County.

(b) The El Paso County Criminal District Court No. 1 shall give primary preference to felony drug cases and associated civil cases emanating from those felony drug cases. The criminal district court shall give secondary preference to other criminal cases and associated civil cases emanating from those criminal cases.

(c) The terms of the El Paso County Criminal District Court No. 1 begin on the third Mondays in April and September and the first Mondays in January, July, and November.

(d) The El Paso County Criminal District Court No. 1 shall have a seal similar to the seal of a district court with "El Paso County Criminal District Court No. 1" engraved on the seal.

SECTION 2. The El Paso County Criminal Judicial District No. 1 is created September 1, 2007.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.