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H.B. No. 1628

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the Criminal Judicial District of El Paso County.

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. CRIMINAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF EL PASO COUNTY.

(a) The Criminal Judicial District of El Paso County is composed of El Paso County.

(b) The criminal district court 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 criminal district court begin on the third Mondays in April and September and the first Mondays in January, July, and November.

(d) The criminal district court shall have a seal similar to the seal of a district court with "Criminal District Court of El Paso County" engraved on the seal.

SECTION 2. The Criminal Judicial District of El Paso County is created September 1, 2007.

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