

1-1 By: Eiland (Senate Sponsor - Janek) H.B. No. 2766
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 16, 2007;
1-3 April 17, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 10, 2007, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 10, 2007, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the location at which certain courts may conduct
1-9 proceedings following certain disasters.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 24, Government Code, is
1-12 amended by adding Section 24.033 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 24.033. LOCATION OF PROCEEDINGS FOLLOWING CERTAIN
1-14 DISASTERS. (a) In this section, "first tier coastal county" and
1-15 "second tier coastal county" have the meanings assigned by Section
1-16 2210.003, Insurance Code.

1-17 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, if a natural or other
1-18 major disaster occurs in a first tier coastal county or a second
1-19 tier coastal county that precludes a district court from conducting
1-20 its proceedings at the county seat of that county, the presiding
1-21 judge of the administrative judicial region may designate an
1-22 alternate location in the judicial district at which the court may
1-23 conduct its proceedings.

1-24 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 25, Government Code, is
1-25 amended by adding Section 25.0019 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 25.0019. LOCATION OF PROCEEDINGS FOLLOWING CERTAIN
1-27 DISASTERS. (a) In this section, "first tier coastal county" and
1-28 "second tier coastal county" have the meanings assigned by Section
1-29 2210.003, Insurance Code.

1-30 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, including a specific
1-31 provision in this chapter for a particular court or county that
1-32 requires a statutory county court to conduct its proceedings at the
1-33 county seat, if a natural or other major disaster occurs in a first
1-34 tier coastal county or a second tier coastal county that precludes a
1-35 statutory county court in that county from conducting its
1-36 proceedings at the county seat, the presiding judge of the
1-37 administrative judicial region may designate an alternate location
1-38 in the county at which the court may conduct its proceedings.

1-39 SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 25, Government Code, is
1-40 amended by adding Section 25.0032 to read as follows:

1-41 Sec. 25.0032. LOCATION OF PROCEEDINGS FOLLOWING CERTAIN
1-42 DISASTERS. (a) In this section, "first tier coastal county" and
1-43 "second tier coastal county" have the meanings assigned by Section
1-44 2210.003, Insurance Code.

1-45 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, including a specific
1-46 provision in this chapter for a particular court or county that
1-47 requires a statutory probate court to conduct its proceedings at
1-48 the county seat, if a natural or other major disaster occurs in a
1-49 first tier coastal county or a second tier coastal county that
1-50 precludes a statutory probate court in that county from conducting
1-51 its proceedings at the county seat, the presiding judge of the
1-52 statutory probate courts may designate an alternate location in the
1-53 county at which the court may conduct its proceedings.

1-54 SECTION 4. Subchapter A, Chapter 26, Government Code, is
1-55 amended by adding Section 26.009 to read as follows:

1-56 Sec. 26.009. LOCATION OF PROCEEDINGS FOLLOWING CERTAIN
1-57 DISASTERS. (a) In this section, "first tier coastal county" and
1-58 "second tier coastal county" have the meanings assigned by Section
1-59 2210.003, Insurance Code.

1-60 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, including Section
1-61 26.002(c), if a natural or other major disaster occurs in a first
1-62 tier coastal county or a second tier coastal county that precludes
1-63 the county court from conducting its proceedings at the county
1-64 seat, the presiding judge of the administrative judicial region may

2-1 designate an alternate location in the county at which the court may
2-2 conduct its proceedings.

2-3 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-7 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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