

By: King of Parker

H.B. No. 3992

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the county courts at law in Parker County.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.1861, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 25.1861. PARKER COUNTY. (a) Parker County has the following statutory county courts:

(1) the County Court at Law No. 1 of Parker County; and

(2) the County Court at Law No. 2 of Parker County.

(b) The statutory county courts in ~~[County Court at Law of]~~ Parker County sit ~~[sits]~~ in Weatherford.

SECTION 2. Section 25.1863(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A county court at law has concurrent jurisdiction with the district court over contested probate matters. Notwithstanding the requirement in Subsection (b), Section 5, Texas Probate Code, that the judge of the constitutional county court transfer a contested probate proceeding to the district court, the judge of the constitutional county court shall transfer the proceeding under that section to either a county court at law in ~~[the County Court at Law of]~~ Parker County or a ~~[the]~~ district court in Parker County. A ~~[The]~~ county court at law has the jurisdiction, powers, and duties that a district court has under Subsection (b), Section 5, Texas

1 Probate Code, for the transferred proceeding, and the county clerk
2 acts as clerk for the proceeding. The contested proceeding may be
3 transferred between a ~~the~~ county court at law in Parker County and
4 a ~~the~~ district court in Parker County as provided by local rules
5 of administration.

6 SECTION 3. Section 25.1862(e), Government Code, is
7 repealed.

8 SECTION 4. (a) A reference in law to the County Court at Law
9 of Parker County means the County Court at Law No. 1 of Parker
10 County.

11 (b) The judge of the County Court at Law of Parker County,
12 unless otherwise removed as provided by law, continues to serve as
13 judge of the County Court at Law No. 1 of Parker County for the
14 remainder of the term to which the judge was elected or appointed,
15 notwithstanding the change made by this Act to the name of the
16 court.

17 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect October 1, 2007.