

1-1 By: King of Parker (Senate Sponsor - Estes) H.B. No. 3992
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2007;
1-3 May 7, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 17, 2007, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 17, 2007, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the county courts at law in Parker County.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Section 25.1861, Government Code, is amended to
1-11 read as follows:

1-12 Sec. 25.1861. PARKER COUNTY. (a) Parker County has the
1-13 following statutory county courts:

1-14 (1) the County Court at Law No. 1 of Parker County;
1-15 and

1-16 (2) the County Court at Law No. 2 of Parker County.

1-17 (b) The statutory county courts in [County Court at Law of]
1-18 Parker County sit [sits] in Weatherford.

1-19 SECTION 2. Section 25.1863(b), Government Code, is amended
1-20 to read as follows:

1-21 (b) A county court at law has concurrent jurisdiction with
1-22 the district court over contested probate matters. Notwithstanding
1-23 the requirement in Subsection (b), Section 5, Texas Probate Code,
1-24 that the judge of the constitutional county court transfer a
1-25 contested probate proceeding to the district court, the judge of
1-26 the constitutional county court shall transfer the proceeding under
1-27 that section to either a county court at law in [the County Court at
1-28 Law of] Parker County or a [the] district court in Parker County. A
1-29 [The] county court at law has the jurisdiction, powers, and duties
1-30 that a district court has under Subsection (b), Section 5, Texas
1-31 Probate Code, for the transferred proceeding, and the county clerk
1-32 acts as clerk for the proceeding. The contested proceeding may be
1-33 transferred between a [the] county court at law in Parker County and
1-34 a [the] district court in Parker County as provided by local rules
1-35 of administration.

1-36 SECTION 3. Section 25.1862(e), Government Code, is
1-37 repealed.

1-38 SECTION 4. (a) A reference in law to the County Court at Law
1-39 of Parker County means the County Court at Law No. 1 of Parker
1-40 County.

1-41 (b) The judge of the County Court at Law of Parker County,
1-42 unless otherwise removed as provided by law, continues to serve as
1-43 judge of the County Court at Law No. 1 of Parker County for the
1-44 remainder of the term to which the judge was elected or appointed,
1-45 notwithstanding the change made by this Act to the name of the
1-46 court.

1-47 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect October 1, 2007.

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