

AN ACT

relating to the priority given to the hearing by trial courts of certain ad valorem tax matters.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 23.101, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The trial courts of this state shall regularly and frequently set hearings and trials of pending matters, giving preference to hearings and trials of the following:

(1) temporary injunctions;

(2) criminal actions, with the following actions given preference over other criminal actions:

(A) criminal actions against defendants who are detained in jail pending trial;

(B) criminal actions involving a charge that a person committed an act of family violence, as defined by Section 71.004, Family Code; and

(C) an offense under:

(i) Section 21.11, Penal Code;

(ii) Chapter 22, Penal Code, if the victim of the alleged offense is younger than 17 years of age;

(iii) Section 25.02, Penal Code, if the victim of the alleged offense is younger than 17 years of age; or

(iv) Section 25.06, Penal Code;

1 (3) election contests and suits under the Election
2 Code;

3 (4) orders for the protection of the family under
4 Subtitle B, Title 4, Family Code;

5 (5) appeals of final rulings and decisions of the
6 division of workers' compensation of the Texas Department of
7 Insurance regarding workers' compensation claims and claims under
8 the Federal Employers' Liability Act and the Jones Act;

9 (6) appeals of final orders of the commissioner of the
10 General Land Office under Section 51.3021, Natural Resources Code;
11 ~~[and]~~

12 (7) actions in which the claimant has been diagnosed
13 with malignant mesothelioma, other malignant asbestos-related
14 cancer, malignant silica-related cancer, or acute silicosis; and

15 (8) appeals brought under Section 42.01 or 42.015, Tax
16 Code, of orders of appraisal review boards of appraisal districts
17 established for counties with a population of less than 175,000.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 57 passed the Senate on March 14, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 57 passed the House on May 2, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor