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S.B. No. 549

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the authority of a visiting judge for a district court
3 to conduct proceedings at the county seat of a county other than the
4 county in which a case is pending.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 24, Government Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 24.023 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 24.023. LOCATION OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED BY VISITING
9 JUDGE. A visiting judge for a district court may conduct
10 proceedings at the county seat of a county other than the county in
11 which a case is pending if authorized by Section 7, Article V, Texas
12 Constitution.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2009, but only
14 if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 80th Legislature,
15 Regular Session, 2007, allowing a visiting judge of a district
16 court to hold proceedings at the county seat of a county other than
17 the county in which a case is pending on the written agreement of
18 all parties to the case and approval by the judge, is approved by
19 the voters. If that amendment is not approved by the voters, this
20 Act has no effect.