

By: Wentworth

S.B. No. 660

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of an additional statutory county court in Travis County.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 25.2291, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Travis County has the following statutory county courts:

- (1) County Court at Law No. 1 of Travis County, Texas;
- (2) County Court at Law No. 2 of Travis County, Texas;
- (3) County Court at Law No. 3 of Travis County, Texas;
- (4) County Court at Law Number 4 of Travis County;
- (5) County Court at Law Number 5 of Travis County;
- (6) The County Court at Law Number 6 of Travis County;

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- (7) The County Court at Law Number 7 of Travis County;

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- (8) The County Court at Law Number 8 of Travis County.

SECTION 2. Section 25.2292, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1) and (n) to read as follows:

(a) In addition to the jurisdiction provided by Section 25.0003 and other law and except as limited by Subsection (a-1), a county court of law in Travis County has concurrent jurisdiction

1 with the district court in civil cases in which the matter in  
2 controversy exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$250,000, excluding  
3 interest, statutory or punitive damages and penalties, and  
4 attorney's fees and costs, as alleged on the face of the petition.

5 (a-1) The County Court at Law Number 8 of Travis County does  
6 not have jurisdiction in civil cases in which the amount in  
7 controversy exceeds the limit prescribed by Section 25.0003(c)(1).

8 (n) The County Court at Law Number 8 of Travis County shall  
9 give preference to criminal cases.

10 SECTION 3. The County Court at Law Number 8 of Travis County  
11 is created on the effective date of this Act.

12 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 2008.