

1-1 By: Wentworth S.B. No. 660  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 15, 2007; February 28, 2007,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;  
1-4 April 2, 2007, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 2, 2007,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 660 By: Duncan

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the creation of an additional statutory county court in  
1-11 Travis County.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 25.2291, Government  
1-14 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-15 (a) Travis County has the following statutory county  
1-16 courts:

- 1-17 (1) County Court at Law No. 1 of Travis County, Texas;  
1-18 (2) County Court at Law No. 2 of Travis County, Texas;  
1-19 (3) County Court at Law No. 3 of Travis County, Texas;  
1-20 (4) County Court at Law Number 4 of Travis County;  
1-21 (5) County Court at Law Number 5 of Travis County;  
1-22 (6) The County Court at Law Number 6 of Travis County;

1-23 [~~and~~]

1-24 (7) The County Court at Law Number 7 of Travis County;

1-25 and

1-26 (8) The County Court at Law Number 8 of Travis County.

1-27 SECTION 2. Section 25.2292, Government Code, is amended by  
1-28 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1) and (n) to  
1-29 read as follows:

1-30 (a) In addition to the jurisdiction provided by Section  
1-31 25.0003 and other law and except as limited by Subsection (a-1), a  
1-32 county court of law in Travis County has concurrent jurisdiction  
1-33 with the district court in civil cases in which the matter in  
1-34 controversy exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$250,000, excluding  
1-35 interest, statutory or punitive damages and penalties, and  
1-36 attorney's fees and costs, as alleged on the face of the petition.

1-37 (a-1) The County Court at Law Number 8 of Travis County does  
1-38 not have jurisdiction in civil cases in which the amount in  
1-39 controversy exceeds the limit prescribed by Section 25.0003(c)(1).

1-40 (n) The County Court at Law Number 8 of Travis County shall  
1-41 give preference to criminal cases.

1-42 SECTION 3. The County Court at Law Number 8 of Travis County  
1-43 is created on the effective date of this Act.

1-44 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect January 1, 2008.

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