

By: Wentworth

S.B. No. 1951

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of district courts in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. (a) Subchapter C, Chapter 24, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 24.562 to read as follows:

Sec. 24.562. 418TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (MONTGOMERY COUNTY).

(a) The 418th Judicial District is composed of Montgomery County.

(b) The 418th District Court shall give preference to family law matters.

(b) The 418th Judicial District is created on the effective date of this section.

SECTION 2. (a) Subchapter C, Chapter 24, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 24.579 to read as follows:

Sec. 24.579. 435TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (MONTGOMERY COUNTY).

(a) The 435th Judicial District is composed of Montgomery County.

(b) The 435th District Court shall give preference to:

(1) civil commitment proceedings under Chapter 841, Health and Safety Code; and

(2) criminal cases involving offenses under Section 841.085, Health and Safety Code, and Article 62.203, Code of Criminal Procedure.

(c) Notwithstanding any other law, the state shall pay the salaries of and other expenses related to the court reporter appointed for the 435th District Court under Section 52.041 and the

1 court coordinator appointed for the court under Section 74.101.
2 The salaries of the court reporter and court coordinator shall be
3 set in amounts commensurate with the salaries paid by other
4 district courts for those positions.

5 (b) The 435th Judicial District is created on the effective
6 date of this section.

7 SECTION 3. (a) Subchapter C, Chapter 24, Government Code,
8 is amended by adding Section 24.588 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 24.588. 444TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (CAMERON COUNTY). (a)
10 The 444th Judicial District is composed of Cameron County.

11 (b) The 444th District Court shall give preference to family
12 law matters.

13 (b) The 444th Judicial District is created on the effective
14 date of this section.

15 SECTION 4. (a) Subchapter C, Chapter 24, Government Code,
16 is amended by adding Section 24.589 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 24.589. 445TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (CAMERON COUNTY). (a)
18 The 445th Judicial District is composed of Cameron County.

19 (b) The 445th District Court shall give preference to
20 criminal law cases.

21 (b) The 445th Judicial District is created on the effective
22 date of this section.

23 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.