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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

relating to the creation of municipal courts of record in the city of Corpus Christi.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 30, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter ZZ to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER ZZ. CORPUS CHRISTI

Sec. 30.01901. APPLICATION; DEFINITIONS. (a) This subchapter applies to the city of Corpus Christi.

(b) In this subchapter:

(1) "Appellate courts" means the county courts at law of Nueces County that have criminal appellate jurisdiction.

(2) "Municipal court director" means the clerk of the municipal courts of record.

Sec. 30.01902. JUDGE. Sections 30.00007(b)(1), (2), (3), and (5) do not apply to this subchapter.

Sec. 30.01903. MUNICIPAL COURT DIRECTOR; OTHER PERSONNEL.

(a) The city manager shall appoint a municipal court director to serve as the clerk of the municipal courts of record.

(b) The municipal court director shall perform, as applicable, the duties prescribed by law for the county clerk of a county court at law. In addition, the municipal court director shall:

(1) maintain central docket records for all cases filed in the municipal courts of record;

(2) maintain an index of all municipal court of record judgments in the same manner as county clerks are required by law to prepare for criminal cases arising in county courts; and

(3) request the jurors needed for cases that are set for trial by jury.

(c) The municipal court director may hire, direct, and remove the personnel authorized in the city's annual budget for the clerk's office.

(d) Sections 30.00009(c) and (d) do not apply to this subchapter.

Sec. 30.01904. COURT REPORTER. The municipal court director shall appoint the court reporter under Section 30.00010.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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