

Amend CSHB 4833 (Senate committee printing) by striking Subsection (a) of SECTION 13 of the bill (page 6, lines 13 through 24) and substituting the following:

(a) Effective January 1, 2011, Subchapter C, Chapter 25, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 25.2362 to read as follows:

Sec. 25.2362. VAN ZANDT COUNTY COURT AT LAW PROVISIONS. (a)
In addition to the jurisdiction provided by Section 25.0003 and
other law, and except as limited by Subsection (b), a county court
at law in Van Zandt County has concurrent jurisdiction with the
district court in:

(1) felony cases to:

(A) conduct arraignments;

(B) conduct pretrial hearings;

(C) accept guilty pleas; and

(D) conduct jury trials on assignment of a
district judge presiding in Van Zandt County and acceptance of the
assignment by the judge of the county court at law;

(2) Class A and Class B misdemeanor cases;

(3) family law matters;

(4) juvenile matters;

(5) probate matters; and

(6) appeals from the justice and municipal courts.

(b) A county court at law's civil jurisdiction concurrent
with the district court in civil cases is limited to cases in which
the matter in controversy does not exceed \$200,000. A county court
at law does not have general supervisory control or appellate
review of the commissioners court or jurisdiction of:

(1) suits on behalf of this state to recover penalties
or escheated property;

(2) felony cases involving capital murder;

(3) misdemeanors involving official misconduct; or

(4) contested elections.

(c) The judge of a county court at law must have the same
qualifications as those required by law for a district judge.

(d) The judge of a county court at law shall be paid a total
annual salary set by the commissioners court at an amount that is

not less than \$1,000 less than the total annual salary received by a district judge in the county. A district judge's or statutory county court judge's total annual salary does not include contributions and supplements paid by a county.

(e) The judge of a county court at law may not engage in the private practice of law.

(f) The district clerk serves as clerk of a county court at law in matters of concurrent jurisdiction with the district court, and the county clerk shall serve as clerk of a county court at law in all other matters. Each clerk shall establish a separate docket for a county court at law.

(g) The official court reporter of a county court at law is entitled to receive a salary set by the judge of the county court at law with the approval of the commissioners court.

(h) Jurors summoned for a county court at law or a district court in the county may by order of the judge of the court to which they are summoned be transferred to another court for service and may be used as if summoned for the court to which they are transferred.