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H.B. No. 4822

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the jurisdiction and preference of certain county
3 criminal courts in Dallas County.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 25.0593(b), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (b) In addition to the jurisdiction provided by this section
8 and other law, the [The] County Criminal Court No. 10 of Dallas
9 County, Texas, and the County Criminal Court No. 11 of Dallas
10 County, Texas, have concurrent jurisdiction with the district court
11 in state jail felony and third degree felony cases involving family
12 violence, as defined by Section 71.004, Family Code. The courts
13 shall give preference to cases in which family violence is alleged,
14 including cases under Title 4, Family Code [designated by an order
15 signed by a majority of the judges of the county criminal courts of
16 Dallas County].

17 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
18 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
19 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
20 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
21 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.