

1-1 By: Hinojosa S.B. No. 1575  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2009; March 17, 2009, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;  
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1-5 Nays 0; March 30, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the random assignment of criminal and civil cases in  
1-9 district courts in Hidalgo County.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 24, Government Code, is  
1-12 amended by adding Section 24.034 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 24.034. ASSIGNMENT OF CASES IN DISTRICT COURTS IN  
1-14 HIDALGO COUNTY. (a) All civil and criminal cases in the district  
1-15 courts in Hidalgo County shall be assigned and docketed at random by  
1-16 the district clerk using an automated system.

1-17 (b) In assigning a case to a district court, the district  
1-18 clerk shall take into consideration any requirement in Subchapter B  
1-19 that a district court in Hidalgo County give preference to specific  
1-20 matters.

1-21 SECTION 2. The following provisions of the Government Code  
1-22 are repealed:

- 1-23 (1) Subsection (d), Section 24.194;
- 1-24 (2) Subsection (d), Section 24.195;
- 1-25 (3) Subsection (d), Section 24.241;
- 1-26 (4) Subsection (b), Section 24.385;
- 1-27 (5) Subsection (b), Section 24.452;
- 1-28 (6) Subsection (b), Section 24.478;
- 1-29 (7) Subsection (b), Section 24.515;
- 1-30 (8) Subsection (c), Section 24.534;
- 1-31 (9) Subsection (c), Section 24.543; and
- 1-32 (10) Subsection (c), Section 24.574.

1-33 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-34 to a case assigned to a Hidalgo County district court on or after  
1-35 the effective date of this Act.

1-36 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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