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S.B. No. 2115

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the jurisdiction of criminal law hearing officers in  
3 Cameron County.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 54.1356(a), Government Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) A criminal law hearing officer appointed under this  
8 subchapter has limited concurrent jurisdiction over criminal cases  
9 filed in the district courts, statutory county courts, and justice  
10 courts of the county. The jurisdiction of the criminal law hearing  
11 officer is limited to:

12 (1) determining probable cause for further detention  
13 of any person detained on a criminal complaint, information, or  
14 indictment filed in the district courts, statutory county courts,  
15 or justice courts of the county;

16 (2) committing the defendant to jail, discharging the  
17 defendant from custody, or admitting the defendant to bail, as the  
18 law and facts of the case require;

19 (3) issuing search warrants and arrest warrants as  
20 provided by law for magistrates; ~~and~~

21 (4) as to criminal cases filed in justice courts,  
22 disposing of cases as provided by law, other than by trial, and  
23 collecting fines and enforcing judgments and orders of the justice  
24 courts in criminal cases;

1           (5) hearing, considering, and ruling on writs of  
2 habeas corpus filed under Article 17.151, Code of Criminal  
3 Procedure; and

4           (6) on motion of the district attorney:

5                 (A) dismissing a criminal case when the arresting  
6 agency has not timely filed the offense report with the district  
7 attorney; and

8                 (B) reducing the amount of bond on prisoners held  
9 at the county jail whose cases have not been filed in a district  
10 court or a statutory county court.

11           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.