

1-1 By: Averitt S.B. No. 2229  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2009; March 31, 2009, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;  
1-4 April 16, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,  
1-5 Nays 0; April 16, 2009, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the creation of a county court at law in Bosque County  
1-9 and the composition of the Bosque, Comanche, and Hamilton Counties  
1-10 juvenile board.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 25, Government Code, is  
1-13 amended by adding Sections 25.0201 and 25.0202 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 25.0201. BOSQUE COUNTY. Bosque County has one  
1-15 statutory county court, the County Court at Law of Bosque County.

1-16 Sec. 25.0202. BOSQUE COUNTY COURT AT LAW PROVISIONS.

1-17 (a) In addition to the jurisdiction provided by Section 25.0003  
1-18 and other law, a county court at law in Bosque County has concurrent  
1-19 jurisdiction with the district court in:

1-20 (1) family law cases and proceedings;

1-21 (2) civil cases in which the matter in controversy  
1-22 exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$100,000, excluding interest,  
1-23 court costs, and attorney's fees; and

1-24 (3) contested probate matters under Section 5(b),  
1-25 Texas Probate Code.

1-26 (b) The County Court at Law of Bosque County has primary  
1-27 jurisdiction over juvenile matters.

1-28 (c) A county court at law has the same terms of court as the  
1-29 County Court of Bosque County.

1-30 (d) The judge of a county court at law may not engage in the  
1-31 private practice of law and must meet the qualifications  
1-32 established by Section 25.0014.

1-33 (e) The judge of a county court at law shall be paid as  
1-34 provided by Section 25.0005. The judge's salary shall be paid out  
1-35 of the county treasury on order of the commissioners court.  
1-36 Notwithstanding any other law, the judge is entitled to necessary  
1-37 office and operational expenses, including administrative and  
1-38 clerical personnel, on the approval of the commissioners court.  
1-39 Administrative and clerical personnel to which a judge is entitled  
1-40 on approval under this subsection includes a court coordinator,  
1-41 court reporter, and bailiff.

1-42 (f) If a family law case or proceeding is tried before a  
1-43 jury, the jury shall be composed of 12 members. In all other cases,  
1-44 except as otherwise required by law, the jury shall be composed of  
1-45 six members.

1-46 (g) Jurors regularly impaneled for a week by the district  
1-47 court may, on request of the county judge or the judge of a county  
1-48 court at law, be made available and shall serve for the week in the  
1-49 county court or the county court at law.

1-50 SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 152.0241, Human  
1-51 Resources Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-52 (a) Bosque County is included in the Bosque, Comanche, and  
1-53 Hamilton counties juvenile board. The juvenile board is composed  
1-54 of:

1-55 (1) the county judge in Bosque County;

1-56 (2) the county judge in Comanche County;

1-57 (3) the county judge in Hamilton County; ~~and~~

1-58 (4) the 220th Judicial District judge; and

1-59 (5) the judge of the County Court at Law of Bosque  
1-60 County.

1-61 SECTION 3. The County Court at Law of Bosque County is  
1-62 created October 1, 2009.

1-63 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect October 1, 2009.

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