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H.B. No. 693

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to where a justice of the peace court is held.

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

SECTION 1. Section 27.051(f), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) A justice of the peace [~~of a precinct in a county with a population of less than 30,000~~] may hold court in the county courthouse or another facility provided under Section 292.002(a), Local Government Code, for that purpose. If requested by the justice, the commissioners court of the county may provide and furnish a suitable place in the courthouse or another facility provided under Section 292.002(a), Local Government Code, for the justice to hold court.

SECTION 2. Section 292.001(d), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), a [A] justice of the peace court may [~~not~~] be housed or conducted in a building located inside or outside the county seat [~~court's precinct except as provided by Section 27.051(f), Government Code, or unless the justice of the peace court is situated in the county courthouse in a county with a population of at least 242,000 persons but no more than 248,000 persons~~].

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.