

AN ACT

relating to agreements between neighboring municipalities regarding jurisdiction of cases in municipal courts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 29.003, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

(i) A municipality may enter into an agreement with a contiguous municipality or a municipality with boundaries that are within one-half mile of the municipality seeking to enter into the agreement to establish concurrent jurisdiction of the municipal courts in the municipalities and provide original jurisdiction to a municipal court in which a case is brought as if the municipal court were located in the municipality in which the case arose, for:

(1) all cases in which either municipality has jurisdiction under Subsection (a); and

(2) cases that arise under Section 821.022, Health and Safety Code, or Section 25.094, Education Code.

SECTION 2. Article 4.14, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(g) A municipality may enter into an agreement with a contiguous municipality or a municipality with boundaries that are within one-half mile of the municipality seeking to enter into the agreement to establish concurrent jurisdiction of the municipal courts in the municipalities and provide original jurisdiction to a

1 municipal court in which a case is brought as if the municipal court
2 were located in the municipality in which the case arose, for:

3 (1) all cases in which either municipality has
4 jurisdiction under Subsection (a); and

5 (2) cases that arise under Section 821.022, Health and
6 Safety Code, or Section 25.094, Education Code.

7 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
8 an offense committed or conduct that occurs on or after the
9 effective date of an agreement to establish concurrent jurisdiction
10 between municipalities authorized under Section 29.003(i),
11 Government Code, as added by this Act, or under Article 4.14(g),
12 Code of Criminal Procedure, as added by this Act. An offense
13 committed or conduct that occurs before that date is governed by the
14 law in effect when the offense was committed or the conduct
15 occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that
16 purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense is committed or
17 conduct occurs before the effective date of the agreement if any
18 element of the offense or conduct occurs before that date.

19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 984 was passed by the House on March 30, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 984 on May 5, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 984 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 3, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor