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H.B. No. 2936

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the administration of district courts in Bexar County.

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

SECTION 1. Section 24.139, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b), (d), and (e) and adding Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:

(b) This section applies to the 37th, 45th, 57th, 73rd, 131st, 144th, 150th, 166th, 175th, 186th, 187th, 224th, 225th, 226th, 227th, 285th, 288th, 289th, ~~and~~ 290th, 379th, 386th, 399th, 407th, 408th, 436th, 437th, and 438th district courts in Bexar County.

(d) The 144th, 175th, 186th, 187th, 226th, 227th, 289th, and 290th, 379th, 399th, and 437th district courts shall give preference to criminal cases. The terms of those courts begin on the first Mondays in January and July. Each term continues until the court has disposed of the business for that term.

(e) The terms of the 37th, 45th, 57th, 73rd, 131st, 150th, 166th, 224th, 225th, 285th, ~~and~~ 288th, 407th, 408th, and 438th district courts begin on the first Mondays in January and July.

(e-1) The 386th and 436th district courts shall give preference to juvenile matters under Title 3, Family Code. The terms of those courts begin on the first Mondays in July and January. Each term continues until the court has disposed of the business for that term.

1 SECTION 2. Section 24.466(b), Government Code, is amended  
2 to read as follows:

3 (b) The 289th District Court shall give primary preference  
4 to juvenile matters [~~cases and proceedings~~] under Title [~~27~~] 3, [~~or~~  
5 ~~57~~] Family Code, and secondary preference to criminal cases.

6 SECTION 3. Section 24.531(b), Government Code, is amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (b) The 386th District Court shall give preference to  
9 juvenile matters under Title 3, Family Code.

10 SECTION 4. Section 24.580(b), Government Code, is amended  
11 to read as follows:

12 (b) The 436th District Court shall give preference to  
13 juvenile matters under Title 3, Family Code.

14 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.