

By: Gallego

H.B. No. 3796

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition of certain judicial districts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 24.165, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 24.165. 63RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (~~EDWARDS,~~ KINNEY, TERRELL, AND VAL VERDE COUNTIES). (a) The 63rd Judicial District is composed of ~~Edwards,~~ Kinney, Terrell, and Val Verde counties.

(b) The terms of the 63rd District Court begin:

(1) ~~[in Edwards County on the first Monday in May and the third Monday in October,~~

~~(2)]~~ in Kinney County on the first Mondays in April and October;

(2) ~~(3)]~~ in Terrell County on the first Monday in February and the third Monday in August; and

(3) ~~(4)]~~ in Val Verde County on the first Mondays in January and June.

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 24.377, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 24.377. 198TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (EDWARDS, KERR, KIMBLE, MCCULLOCH, MASON, AND MENARD COUNTIES).

SECTION 3. Section 24.377(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The 198th Judicial District is composed of Edwards,

1 Kerr, Kimble, McCulloch, Mason, and Menard counties.

2 SECTION 4. (a) The local administrative district judge
3 shall transfer all cases from Edwards County that are pending in the
4 63rd District Court on the effective date of this Act to the 198th
5 District Court.

6 (b) When a case is transferred as provided by Subsection (a)
7 of this section, all processes, writs, bonds, recognizances, or
8 other obligations issued from the 63rd District Court are
9 returnable to the 198th District Court as if originally issued by
10 that court. The obligees on all bonds and recognizances taken in
11 and for the 63rd District Court and all witnesses summoned to appear
12 in the 63rd District Court are required to appear before the 198th
13 District Court as if originally required to appear before that
14 court.

15 (c) On the effective date of this Act, a district court in
16 this state shall promptly enter any order for substitution of
17 counsel that is necessary to permit the appearance by the district
18 attorney for the 198th Judicial District on behalf of this state for
19 any case pending before the district court that has been
20 transferred as provided by this Act.

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