

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 24.185, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 24.185. 83RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (EDWARDS, PECOS, TERRELL, AND VAL VERDE COUNTIES).

SECTION 3. Sections 24.185(a) and (e), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The 83rd Judicial District is composed of Edwards,

1 Pecos, Terrell, and Val Verde counties.

2 (e) In each of the counties of Edwards, Pecos, Terrell, and  
3 Val Verde, a petition or other pleading filed in the district courts  
4 is sufficient if addressed "To The District Court of Edwards  
5 County, Texas," "To The District Court of Pecos County, Texas,"  
6 "To The District Court of Terrell County, Texas," or "To The  
7 District Court of Val Verde County, Texas," respectively, without  
8 giving the number of the district court in the address.

9 SECTION 4. Section 43.141(a), Government Code, is amended  
10 to read as follows:

11 (a) The voters of Brewster, Edwards, Jeff Davis, Pecos, and  
12 Presidio counties elect a district attorney for the 83rd Judicial  
13 District.

14 SECTION 5. (a) The local administrative district judge  
15 shall transfer all cases from Edwards County that are pending in the  
16 63rd District Court on the effective date of this Act to the 83rd  
17 District Court.

18 (b) When a case is transferred as provided by Subsection (a)  
19 of this section, all processes, writs, bonds, recognizances, or  
20 other obligations issued from the 63rd District Court are  
21 returnable to the 83rd District Court as if originally issued by  
22 that court. The obligees on all bonds and recognizances taken in  
23 and for the 63rd District Court and all witnesses summoned to appear  
24 in the 63rd District Court are required to appear before the 83rd  
25 District Court as if originally required to appear before that  
26 court.

27 (c) On the effective date of this Act, a district court in

1 this state shall promptly enter any order for substitution of  
2 counsel that is necessary to permit the appearance by the district  
3 attorney for the 83rd Judicial District on behalf of this state for  
4 any case pending before the district court that has been  
5 transferred as provided by this Act.

6 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.