

1-1 By: Gallego (Senate Sponsor - Uresti) H.B. No. 3796  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2011;  
1-3 May 9, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 18, 2011, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 18, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the composition of certain judicial districts.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Section 24.165, Government Code, is amended to  
1-11 read as follows:

1-12 Sec. 24.165. 63RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (~~[EDWARDS,]~~ KINNEY,  
1-13 TERRELL, AND VAL VERDE COUNTIES). (a) The 63rd Judicial District  
1-14 is composed of ~~[Edwards,]~~ Kinney, Terrell, and Val Verde counties.

1-15 (b) The terms of the 63rd District Court begin:

1-16 (1) ~~[in Edwards County on the first Monday in May and~~  
1-17 ~~the third Monday in October,~~

1-18 ~~[(2)]~~ in Kinney County on the first Mondays in April  
1-19 and October;

1-20 (2) ~~[(3)]~~ in Terrell County on the first Monday in  
1-21 February and the third Monday in August; and

1-22 (3) ~~[(4)]~~ in Val Verde County on the first Mondays in  
1-23 January and June.

1-24 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 24.377, Government Code,  
1-25 is amended to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 24.377. 198TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (EDWARDS, KERR,  
1-27 KIMBLE, MCCULLOCH, MASON, AND MENARD COUNTIES).

1-28 SECTION 3. Section 24.377(a), Government Code, is amended  
1-29 to read as follows:

1-30 (a) The 198th Judicial District is composed of Edwards,  
1-31 Kerr, Kimble, McCulloch, Mason, and Menard counties.

1-32 SECTION 4. (a) The local administrative district judge  
1-33 shall transfer all cases from Edwards County that are pending in the  
1-34 63rd District Court on the effective date of this Act to the 198th  
1-35 District Court.

1-36 (b) When a case is transferred as provided by Subsection (a)  
1-37 of this section, all processes, writs, bonds, recognizances, or  
1-38 other obligations issued from the 63rd District Court are  
1-39 returnable to the 198th District Court as if originally issued by  
1-40 that court. The obligees on all bonds and recognizances taken in  
1-41 and for the 63rd District Court and all witnesses summoned to appear  
1-42 in the 63rd District Court are required to appear before the 198th  
1-43 District Court as if originally required to appear before that  
1-44 court.

1-45 (c) On the effective date of this Act, a district court in  
1-46 this state shall promptly enter any order for substitution of  
1-47 counsel that is necessary to permit the appearance by the district  
1-48 attorney for the 198th Judicial District on behalf of this state for  
1-49 any case pending before the district court that has been  
1-50 transferred as provided by this Act.

1-51 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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