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H.B. No. 3858

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the jurisdiction of a county criminal court at law in Harris County.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.1033(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A county criminal court at law in Harris County has the:

(1) criminal jurisdiction provided by law for county courts;

(2) concurrent jurisdiction with county civil courts at law for Harris County to hear appeals of the suspension of driver's licenses and original proceedings regarding occupational driver's licenses; and

(3) appellate jurisdiction in appeals of criminal cases from justice courts and municipal courts in the county.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an action filed in a county criminal court at law in Harris County on or after the effective date of this Act. An action filed in a county criminal court at law in Harris County before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the action was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.