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H.B. No. 1248

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition of the 155th Judicial District.

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

SECTION 1. Section 24.254, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 24.254. 155TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (AUSTIN AND[7] FAYETTE [~~7~~, ~~AND WALLER~~] COUNTIES). (a) The 155th Judicial District is composed of Austin and[7] Fayette [~~7~~, ~~and Waller~~] counties.

(b) [~~The terms of the 155th District Court begin:~~

[~~(1) in Austin County on the first Mondays in April and November;~~

[~~(2) in Fayette County on the first Mondays in February and September; and~~

[~~(3) in Waller County on the first Mondays in January and June.~~

[~~(c)~~] The sheriff of each county or the sheriff's deputy shall attend the court as required by law or by the judge.

SECTION 2. (a) The local administrative district judge shall transfer to the 506th District Court all cases from Waller County that are pending in the 155th District Court on the effective date of this Act.

(b) When a case is transferred as provided by Subsection (a) of this section:

(1) all processes, writs, bonds, recognizances, or

1 other obligations issued from the 155th District Court are  
2 returnable to the 506th District Court as if originally issued by  
3 that court; and

4           (2) the obligees on all bonds and recognizances taken  
5 in and for the 155th District Court and all witnesses summoned to  
6 appear in the 155th District Court are required to appear before the  
7 506th District Court as if originally required to appear before  
8 that court.

9           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2014.