1   AN ACT

2 relating to a case transferred from one district court to another

3 district court.

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

5   SECTION 1. Section 24.003, Government Code, is amended by

6 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as

7 follows:

8   (b) Unless provided otherwise by the local rules of

9 administration, a district judge in the county may:

10   (1) except as provided by Subsection (b-1), transfer

11 any civil or criminal case or proceeding on the court's docket,

12 other than a case governed by Chapter 155, Family Code, to the

13 docket of another district court in the county;

14   (2) hear and determine any case or proceeding pending

15 in another district court in the county without having the case

16 transferred;

17   (3) sit for another district court in the county and

18 hear and determine any case or proceeding pending in that court;

19   (4) temporarily exchange benches with the judge of

20 another district court in the county;

21   (5) try different cases in the same court at the same

22 time; and

23   (6) occupy the judge's own courtroom or the courtroom

24 of another district court in the county.

1   (b-1) Notwithstanding the local rules of administration, a

2 district judge may not transfer any civil or criminal case or

3 proceeding to the docket of another district court without the

4 consent of the judge of the court to which it is transferred.

5   SECTION 2. This Act applies only to the transfer of a case

6 or proceeding to the docket of another district court that occurs on

7 or after the effective date of this Act. The transfer of a case or

8 proceeding that occurs before the effective date of this Act is

9 governed by the law in effect on the date the case or proceeding is

10 transferred, and the former law is continued in effect for that

11 purpose.

12   SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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President of the Senate   Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1875 was passed by the House on May 2, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1875 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

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Governor