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H.B. No. 1875

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. Section 24.003, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b) Unless provided otherwise by the local rules of administration, a district judge in the county may:

(1) except as provided by Subsection (b-1), transfer any civil or criminal case or proceeding on the court's docket, other than a case governed by Chapter 155, Family Code, to the docket of another district court in the county;

(2) hear and determine any case or proceeding pending in another district court in the county without having the case transferred;

(3) sit for another district court in the county and hear and determine any case or proceeding pending in that court;

(4) temporarily exchange benches with the judge of another district court in the county;

(5) try different cases in the same court at the same time; and

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