

Amend CSSB 1139 (house committee report) as follows:

(1) On page 15, line 20, between "COURTS," and "COUNTY", insert "COUNTY COURTS,".

(2) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTION to ARTICLE 3 of the bill and renumber the subsequent SECTIONS of that ARTICLE accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 26.223, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) If the county judge is licensed to practice law in this state, the [The] County Court of Jefferson County has [the general] jurisdiction concurrent with the County Court at Law of Jefferson County over all causes and proceedings, civil and criminal, [of a probate court and] juvenile and probate, original and appellate, over which by the constitution and general laws of this state county courts have jurisdiction [as provided by Section 26.042(b) but has no other civil or criminal jurisdiction].

(a-1) If the county judge is not licensed to practice law in this state, the County Court of Jefferson County has concurrent jurisdiction with the county courts at law in Jefferson County only in probate proceedings, administrations of estates, guardianship proceedings, mental illness proceedings, and juvenile matters as provided by Section 26.042(b).