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H.B. No. 1694

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the jurisdiction of certain county criminal courts in  
3 Tarrant County.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 25.2223(a), Government Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) A county criminal court in Tarrant County has  
8 jurisdiction over all criminal matters and causes, original and  
9 appellate, prescribed by law for county courts, but does not have  
10 original civil jurisdiction. The County Criminal Courts Nos. 5 and  
11 10 of Tarrant County also have concurrent jurisdiction within the  
12 county of all appeals [~~from criminal convictions~~] under the laws of  
13 this state and the municipal ordinances of the municipalities  
14 located in Tarrant County that are appealed from the justice courts  
15 and municipal courts in the county. The County Criminal Courts Nos.  
16 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10 of Tarrant County also have concurrent  
17 jurisdiction with the district court in felony cases to conduct  
18 arraignments, conduct pretrial hearings, and accept guilty pleas.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.