

By: King of Taylor

H.B. No. 2727

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the administration of multicounty statutory county courts and to the 1st Multicounty Court at Law.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 25, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 25.2607 to read as follows:

Sec. 25.2607. DESIGNATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY FOR MULTICOUNTY STATUTORY COUNTY COURTS. (a) If a statute that establishes a multicounty statutory county court does not designate one of the counties that compose the multicounty statutory county court as the administrative county for that court, the county with the greatest population of the counties composing the court at the time the court is established is the administrative county for that court.

(b) The commissioners courts of the counties that compose a multicounty statutory county court may enter into an agreement to provide support for the court. The administrative county for the court may receive contributions from the other counties composing the court to pay the operating expenses of the court.

(c) Except for money provided by state appropriations or under an agreement under Subsection (b), the administrative county shall pay out of the county's general fund the salaries, compensation, and expenses incurred in operating the multicounty statutory county court.

1 (d) Notwithstanding Section 25.0015, the state shall
2 annually compensate the administrative county of a multicounty
3 statutory county court in an amount equal to 100 percent of the
4 state salary of a district court judge in the county for the salary
5 of the judge of the multicounty statutory county court.

6 (e) The court fees and costs collected by the clerk of a
7 multicounty statutory county court shall be deposited in the
8 appropriate county fund as provided by law.

9 SECTION 2. Section 25.2701, Government Code, is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 Sec. 25.2701. 1ST MULTICOUNTY COURT AT LAW (FISHER[~~7~~
12 ~~MITCHELL~~] AND NOLAN COUNTIES). Fisher[~~7~~, ~~Mitchell~~] and Nolan
13 Counties have a multicounty statutory county court composed of
14 those counties, the 1st Multicounty Court at Law.

15 SECTION 3. Section 25.2702, Government Code, is amended by
16 adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

17 (c-1) Nolan County is the administrative county for the 1st
18 Multicounty Court at Law.

19 SECTION 4. Section 25.2702(g), Government Code, is
20 repealed.

21 SECTION 5. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this
22 section, this Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of
23 two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by
24 Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not
25 receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes
26 effect September 1, 2015.

27 (b) Section 2 of this Act, amending Section 25.2701,

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1 Government Code, takes effect January 1, 2019.