

1-1 By: Paddie (Senate Sponsor - Eltife) H.B. No. 4199
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 18, 2015;
 1-3 May 18, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Administration; May 21, 2015, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 21, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hancock	X			
1-8 Uresti	X			
1-9 Campbell	X			
1-10 Eltife	X			
1-11 Huffines	X			
1-12 Schwertner			X	
1-13 West	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the Harrison County Court at Law.
 1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-19 SECTION 1. Section 25.1042, Government Code, is amended by
 1-20 amending Subsections (a), (d), and (g) and adding Subsection (h) to
 1-21 read as follows:
 1-22 (a) In addition to the jurisdiction provided by Section
 1-23 25.0003 and other law, a county court at law in Harrison County has
 1-24 concurrent jurisdiction with the district court, on assignment of a
 1-25 district judge presiding in Harrison County, in:
 1-26 (1) family law cases and proceedings;
 1-27 (2) felony cases other than capital murder cases; and
 1-28 (3) civil cases.
 1-29 (d) A party to a case assigned under Subsection (a) may
 1-30 request a jury of 12 persons if the party makes the request not
 1-31 later than the 30th day before the trial date. Except as provided by
 1-32 Subsection (h), a [A] party who does not make a timely request under
 1-33 this subsection waives the right to request a 12-person jury and the
 1-34 case will proceed with a six-person jury.
 1-35 (g) The criminal district attorney is entitled to the same
 1-36 fees prescribed by law for prosecutions in the county court, except
 1-37 that in cases assigned under Subsection (a), the criminal district
 1-38 attorney is entitled to the same fees prescribed by law for
 1-39 prosecutions in a district court.
 1-40 (h) A jury must be composed of 12 members in:
 1-41 (1) any civil case pending in which the amount in
 1-42 controversy is \$200,000 or more; and
 1-43 (2) any felony case.
 1-44 SECTION 2. Section 25.1042(a), Government Code, as amended
 1-45 by this Act, and Section 25.1042(h), Government Code, as added by
 1-46 this Act, apply only to an action filed on or after the effective
 1-47 date of this Act. An action filed before the effective date of this
 1-48 Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the action was
 1-49 filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.
 1-50 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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