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H.B. No. 4213

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the jurisdiction of the County Court of Jefferson County.

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

SECTION 1. 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).

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