

By: Simmons

H.B. No. 4215

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the statutory county courts in Denton County.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.0632, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (g) and adding Subsection (g-1) to read as follows:

(g) Except as provided by Subsection (g-1), the ~~[The]~~ jury in a statutory county court or statutory probate court in all civil or criminal matters is composed of 12 members, except that in misdemeanor criminal cases and any other case in which the court has jurisdiction that under general law would be concurrent with the county court, the jury is composed of six members.

(g-1) The jury in the County Court at Law No. 1 and the County Court at Law No. 2 may be composed of either six or 12 members, unless otherwise provided by law.

SECTION 2. Section 25.0633(e), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) The County Court at Law No. 2 of Denton County has:

(1) jurisdiction over all civil causes and proceedings, original and appellate, prescribed by law for county courts; and

(2) concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in civil cases in which the matter in controversy exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$500,000, excluding interest, statutory or punitive

1 damages and penalties, and attorney's fees and costs, as alleged on
2 the face of the petition.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.