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S.B. No. 291

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 civil jurisdiction. The County Criminal Courts Nos. 5 and 10 of
11 Tarrant County also have concurrent jurisdiction within the county
12 of all appeals [~~from criminal convictions~~] under the laws of this
13 state and the municipal ordinances of the municipalities located in
14 Tarrant County that are appealed from the justice courts and
15 municipal courts in the county. The County Criminal Courts Nos. 5,
16 7, 8, 9, and 10 of Tarrant County also have concurrent jurisdiction
17 with the district court in felony cases to conduct arraignments,
18 conduct pretrial hearings, and accept guilty pleas.

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