

1-1 By: Creighton S.B. No. 643  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 19, 2015; February 24, 2015,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
 1-4 March 31, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
 1-5 Nays 0; March 31, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to proceedings held in auxiliary facilities outside  
 1-20 certain county seats.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 24.430, Government Code, is amended by  
 1-23 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-24 (c) Section 24.490, relating to the 344th District Court,  
 1-25 contains provisions applicable to both that court and the 253rd  
 1-26 District Court in Chambers County.

1-27 SECTION 2. Section 24.490, Government Code, is amended by  
 1-28 adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

1-29 (d) Notwithstanding Section 24.030, a district court in  
 1-30 Chambers County may sit in a suitable facility outside the county  
 1-31 seat if the facility is designated by the commissioners court as an  
 1-32 auxiliary county seat, as provided by Section 292.031, Local  
 1-33 Government Code.

1-34 (e) A district court in Chambers County sitting in an  
 1-35 auxiliary court facility designated by the commissioners court as  
 1-36 an auxiliary county seat may hear, in all case types, the motions,  
 1-37 arguments, nonjury trials and jury trials, and any other matters  
 1-38 before the court within the court's jurisdiction.

1-39 (f) The district clerk or the clerk's deputy serves as clerk  
 1-40 of the court when a district court sits in a facility designated as  
 1-41 an auxiliary county seat and may keep all necessary books, minutes,  
 1-42 records, and papers at the facility.

1-43 SECTION 3. Subchapter B, Chapter 292, Local Government  
 1-44 Code, is amended by adding Section 292.031 to read as follows:

1-45 Sec. 292.031. FACILITIES OUTSIDE COUNTY SEAT IN CERTAIN  
 1-46 COUNTIES. (a) This section applies only to a county with a  
 1-47 population of less than 40,000 that is adjacent to a county with a  
 1-48 population of more than 3.3 million.

1-49 (b) The commissioners court of a county may provide an  
 1-50 auxiliary court facility, office building, or jail facility at a  
 1-51 location in the county and within 10 miles of the boundaries of the  
 1-52 county seat in the same manner that is applicable to a court,  
 1-53 building, or facility at the county seat. The commissioners court  
 1-54 may provide for the building or facility through the issuance of  
 1-55 bonds or other evidences of indebtedness as provided under Section  
 1-56 292.002 and may provide office space in the building or facility for  
 1-57 any county or precinct office.

1-58 (c) The auxiliary court facility may be used for the holding  
 1-59 of court proceedings, including district court proceedings. For  
 1-60 the purpose of the court proceedings, the commissioners court may  
 1-61 designate the location of the auxiliary court as an auxiliary

2-1 county seat.

2-2 (d) The records of a county officer who is provided space at  
2-3 a court facility, building, or other facility under this section  
2-4 may be kept at the building or facility.

2-5 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-9 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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