

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 909
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2015; March 9, 2015, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 March 25, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
1-5 Nays 0; March 25, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Huffman	X		
1-9	Ellis		X	
1-10	Birdwell	X		
1-11	Creighton	X		
1-12	Estes	X		
1-13	Fraser	X		
1-14	Nelson	X		
1-15	Schwertner	X		
1-16	Zaffirini	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the county courts at law in Bexar County.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Sections [25.0172](#)(c), (c-1), (j), (v), and (w),
1-22 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-23 (c) ~~Any of the county courts at law may hear [The County~~
1-24 ~~Courts at Law Nos. 4, 6, 11, and 12 shall give preference to]~~
1-25 criminal cases and appeals de novo from the municipal and justice
1-26 courts.

1-27 (c-1) The County ~~Courts [Court]~~ at Law ~~Nos. 7 and [No.]~~ 13 of
1-28 Bexar County, Texas, shall give preference to cases prosecuted
1-29 under:

1-30 (1) Section [22.01](#), Penal Code, in which the victim is a
1-31 person whose relationship to or association with the defendant is
1-32 described by Chapter 71, Family Code; and

1-33 (2) Section [25.07](#) or [25.072](#), Penal Code.

1-34 (j) The judge of a county court at law shall be paid as
1-35 provided by Section [25.0005](#) ~~[an annual salary in an amount not less~~
1-36 ~~than \$25,000 and not more than the total annual salary, including~~
1-37 ~~supplements, paid a district judge in the county].~~ The
1-38 compensation shall be paid out of the county's general fund or
1-39 officers' salary fund. ~~[The commissioners court shall consider the~~
1-40 ~~financial condition of the county and the duties and needs of the~~
1-41 ~~county court at law judges in setting the salaries of the judges.]~~
1-42 Before raising a salary the commissioners court must publish notice
1-43 containing information of the salaries affected and the amount of
1-44 the proposed raise in a newspaper of general circulation in the
1-45 county. The commissioners court may raise the salaries of the
1-46 county court at law judges only after 10 days' notice and only at a
1-47 regular meeting of the commissioners court.

1-48 (v) Section [25.0006](#) ~~[[25.0006](#)(a)]~~ does not apply to a county
1-49 court at law in [County Courts at Law Nos. 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12,
1-50 13, 14, and 15 of] Bexar County. ~~[Section [25.0006](#)(b) does not apply~~
1-51 ~~to County Courts at Law Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14,~~
1-52 ~~and 15 of Bexar County.]~~

1-53 (w) This section does not apply to the statutory probate
1-54 courts [County Court at Law No. 1 and Probate Court].

1-55 SECTION 2. Sections [25.0172](#)(a), (b), and (i), Government
1-56 Code, are repealed.

1-57 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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