

By: Muñoz, Jr.

H.B. No. 1145

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the designation of a judicial district in Hidalgo  
3 County as the district court with preference for family law  
4 matters.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 24.194, Government Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

8 (e) Subsection (f) applies to the 92nd, 93rd, 139th, 206th,  
9 275th, 332nd, 370th, 389th, 398th, 430th, and 449th judicial  
10 districts.

11 (f) The judges of the district courts listed in Subsection  
12 (e) by agreement shall designate one of the listed district courts  
13 to give preference to family law matters.

14 SECTION 2. Not later than October 2, 2017, the judges of the  
15 district courts listed in Section 24.194(e), Government Code, as  
16 added by this Act, shall by agreement designate a listed court as  
17 the court to give preference to family law matters. If the judges  
18 fail to designate a court to give preference to family law matters  
19 on or before October 2, 2017, the local administrative judge for  
20 Hidalgo County district courts shall designate a district court to  
21 give preference to family law matters not later than October 6,  
22 2017.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.