

1-1 By: Lambert, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 4281
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 19, 2017;
 1-3 May 19, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Administration; May 23, 2017, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 23, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7				
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the 1st Multicounty County Court at Law.
 1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-19 SECTION 1. Section 25.2702, Government Code, is amended by
 1-20 amending Subsections (a) and (d) and adding Subsection (g) to read
 1-21 as follows:
 1-22 (a) In addition to the jurisdiction provided by Section
 1-23 25.0003 and other law, the 1st Multicounty Court at Law has
 1-24 concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in:
 1-25 (1) family law cases and proceedings; and
 1-26 (2) felony criminal cases.
 1-27 (d) The judge of the county court at law shall appoint an
 1-28 official court reporter. The judge may appoint a court
 1-29 administrator to aid the judge in the performance of the judge's
 1-30 duties. The [An] official court reporter and the court
 1-31 administrator of the county court at law are [is] entitled to
 1-32 receive the same salary and to be paid in the same manner as the
 1-33 official court reporter and court administrator, respectively, of
 1-34 the district court in the administrative county for the court [a
 1-35 salary set by the commissioners courts in the counties the reporter
 1-36 serves to be paid out of the county treasuries, either by salary or
 1-37 by contract as set by the commissioners courts]. The clerk of the
 1-38 court shall tax as costs, in each civil, criminal, and probate case
 1-39 in which a record of any part of the evidence in the case is made by
 1-40 the reporter, a stenographer's fee of \$25. The fee shall be paid in
 1-41 the same manner as other costs in the case. The clerk collects the
 1-42 fee and pays it into the general funds of the counties.
 1-43 (g) The judge of the county court at law is entitled to
 1-44 travel expenses and necessary office expenses as authorized by the
 1-45 commissioners court of the administrative county.
 1-46 SECTION 2. Section 3.07(b), Chapter 1182 (S.B. 1139), Acts
 1-47 of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, which amends
 1-48 Section 25.2701, Government Code, to be effective January 1, 2019,
 1-49 is repealed.
 1-50 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

1-51 * * * * *