

By: Longoria

H.B. No. 4296

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the jurisdiction of the statutory county courts of Hidalgo County.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.1102(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In addition to the jurisdiction provided by Section 25.0003 and other law, a county court at law in Hidalgo County has concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in:

(1) family law cases and proceedings; ~~and~~

(2) civil cases in which the matter in controversy does not exceed \$750,000, excluding interest, statutory or punitive damages and penalties, and attorney's fees and costs, as alleged on the page of the petition; and

(3) criminal cases for an offense punishable as a state jail felony.

SECTION 2. The change in law made to Section 25.1102(a), Government Code, by this Act applies only to an action filed in a statutory county court of Hidalgo County on or after the effective date of this Act. An action filed in a statutory county court of Hidalgo County before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the action was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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