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By:  Biedermann H.B. No. 4738

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of a county court at law in Gillespie County.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter C, Chapter 25, Government Code, is amended by adding Sections 25.0881 and 25.0882 to read as follows:

Sec. 25.0881.  GILLESPIE COUNTY. Gillespie County has one statutory county court, the County Court at Law of Gillespie County.

Sec. 25.0882.  GILLESPIE COUNTY COURT AT LAW PROVISIONS. (a) In addition to the jurisdiction provided by Section 25.0003 and other law, a county court at law in Gillespie County has concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in:

(1)  family law cases and proceedings; and

(2)  juvenile law cases and proceedings.

(b)  The district clerk serves as clerk of a county court at law for family law cases and proceedings and the county clerk serves as clerk for all other cases. The commissioners court may employ as many deputy sheriffs and bailiffs as are necessary to serve the court.

(c)  If a case or proceeding in which a county court at law has concurrent jurisdiction with a district court is tried before a jury, the jury shall be composed of 12 members. In all other cases, the jury shall be composed of six members.

SECTION 2.  The County Court at Law of Gillespie County is created on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect October 1, 2019.