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H.B. No. 4207

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the jurisdiction of a statutory county court in civil cases.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.0003(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, a statutory county court exercising civil jurisdiction concurrent with the constitutional jurisdiction of the county court has concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in:

(1) civil cases in which the matter in controversy exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$250,000 [~~\$200,000~~], excluding interest, statutory or punitive damages and penalties, and attorney's fees and costs, as alleged on the face of the petition; and

(2) appeals of final rulings and decisions of the division of workers' compensation of the Texas Department of Insurance regarding workers' compensation claims, regardless of the amount in controversy.

SECTION 2. Section 25.0003(c), Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a cause of action filed on or after the effective date of this Act. A cause of action filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before that date, and that law is continued in effect

1 for that purpose.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.