

By: Martinez

H.B. No. 4745

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of additional county courts at law in Hidalgo County.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.1101(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Hidalgo County has the following statutory county courts:

- (1) County Court at Law No. 1 of Hidalgo County;
- (2) County Court at Law No. 2 of Hidalgo County;
- (3) County Court at Law No. 4 of Hidalgo County;
- (4) County Court at Law No. 5 of Hidalgo County;
- (5) County Court at Law No. 6 of Hidalgo County;
- (6) County Court at Law No. 7 of Hidalgo County; ~~and~~
- (7) County Court at Law No. 8 of Hidalgo County;
- (8) County Court at Law No. 9 of Hidalgo County;
- (9) County Court at Law No. 10 of Hidalgo County;
- (10) County Court at Law No. 11 of Hidalgo County; and
- (11) County Court at Law No. 12 of Hidalgo County.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding Section 25.0009, Government Code, the initial vacancies in the offices of judge of County Court at Law No. 9 of Hidalgo County and judge of County Court at Law No. 10 of Hidalgo County shall be filled by election. The offices exist for purposes of the primary and general elections of 2022. A

1 vacancy after the initial vacancies is filled as provided by
2 Section 25.0009, Government Code.

3 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding Section 25.0009, Government
4 Code, the initial vacancies in the offices of judge of County Court
5 at Law No. 11 of Hidalgo County and judge of County Court at Law
6 No. 12 of Hidalgo County shall be filled by election. The offices
7 exist for purposes of the primary and general elections of 2024. A
8 vacancy after the initial vacancies is filled as provided by
9 Section 25.0009, Government Code.

10 SECTION 4. County Court at Law No. 9 of Hidalgo County and
11 County Court at Law No. 10 of Hidalgo County are created on January
12 1, 2023.

13 SECTION 5. County Court at Law No. 11 of Hidalgo County and
14 County Court at Law No. 12 of Hidalgo County are created on January
15 1, 2025.

16 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.