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S.B. No. 414

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the composition of the 23rd Judicial District and the
3 creation of the 461st Judicial District composed of Brazoria
4 County.

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

6 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 24.124, Government Code,
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 24.124. 23RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (~~[BRAZORIA]~~
9 MATAGORDA~~[,]~~ AND WHARTON COUNTIES).

10 SECTION 2. Sections 24.124(a) and (b), Government Code, are
11 amended to read as follows:

12 (a) The 23rd Judicial District is composed of ~~[Brazoria]~~
13 Matagorda~~[,]~~ and Wharton counties.

14 (b) The terms of the 23rd District Court begin:

15 (1) ~~[in Brazoria County on the first Mondays in April~~
16 ~~and October, and the terms are designated the April-September and~~
17 ~~October-March terms,~~

18 ~~[(2)]~~ in Matagorda County on the first Mondays in June
19 and December, and the terms are designated the June-November and
20 December-May terms; and

21 (2) ~~[(3)]~~ in Wharton County on the first Mondays in
22 July and January, and the terms are designated the July-December
23 and January-June terms.

24 SECTION 3. Subchapter C, Chapter 24, Government Code, is

1 amended by adding Section 24.6005 to read as follows:

2 Sec. 24.6005. 461ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT (BRAZORIA COUNTY).

3 (a) The 461st Judicial District is composed of Brazoria County.

4 (b) The 461st District Court shall give preference to family
5 law matters.

6 SECTION 4. (a) The local administrative district judge
7 shall transfer to the 461st District Court all cases from Brazoria
8 County that are pending in the 23rd District Court on the effective
9 date of this Act.

10 (b) When a case is transferred as provided by Subsection (a)
11 of this section:

12 (1) all processes, writs, bonds, recognizances, or
13 other obligations issued from the 23rd District Court are
14 returnable to the 461st District Court as if originally issued by
15 that court; and

16 (2) the obligees on all bonds and recognizances taken
17 in and for the 23rd District Court and all witnesses summoned to
18 appear in the 23rd District Court are required to appear before the
19 461st District Court as if originally required to appear before
20 that court.

21 (c) The 461st Judicial District is created on the effective
22 date of this Act.

23 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.