

By: Hughes

S.B. No. 2220

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the creation of an additional judicial district composed of Smith County.

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

SECTION 1. Effective January 1, 2023, Subchapter C, Chapter 24, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 24.60098 to read as follows:

Sec. 24.60098. 475TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (SMITH COUNTY). The 475th Judicial District is composed of Smith County.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding Section 24.026, Government Code, the initial vacancy in the office of judge of the 475th Judicial District shall be filled by election. The office exists for purposes of the primary and general elections in 2022. A vacancy after the initial vacancy is filled as provided by Section 28, Article V, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 3. The 475th Judicial District is created January 1, 2023.

SECTION 4. Except as otherwise provided by this Act, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.