

By: Muñoz

H.B. No. 115

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the jurisdiction of statutory county courts and  
creation of an additional statutory probate court in Hidalgo  
County.

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

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

(b) Hidalgo County has the following statutory probate  
courts:

(1) ~~[one statutory probate court, the]~~ Probate Court  
No. 1 of Hidalgo County; and

(2) Probate Court No. 2 of Hidalgo County.

SECTION 2. Section 25.1102(a), Government Code, is amended  
to read as follows:

(a) In addition to the jurisdiction provided by Section  
25.0003 and other law, a county court at law in Hidalgo County has  
concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in:

(1) family law cases and proceedings; and

(2) civil cases ~~[in which the matter in controversy  
does not exceed \$750,000, excluding interest, statutory or punitive  
damages and penalties, and attorney's fees and costs, as alleged on  
the page of the petition].~~

SECTION 3. On the effective date of this Act:

(1) Probate Court No. 2 of Hidalgo County is created;

1 and

2 (2) the Probate Court of Hidalgo County is  
3 redesignated as Probate Court No. 1 of Hidalgo County.

4 SECTION 4. Section 25.1102(a), Government Code, as amended  
5 by this Act, applies only to an action filed in a county court at law  
6 in Hidalgo County on or after the effective date of this Act. An  
7 action filed in a county court at law in Hidalgo County before the  
8 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the  
9 date the action was filed, and the former law is continued in effect  
10 for that purpose.

11 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025, if it  
12 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each  
13 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.  
14 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for effect on that  
15 date, this Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the  
16 legislative session.