

By: Muñoz

H.B. No. 248

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