

AN ACT

relating to the county courts at law in Bexar County.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 25.0172(c), (c-1), (j), (v), and (w), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(c) Any of the county courts at law may hear ~~[The County Courts at Law Nos. 4, 6, 11, and 12 shall give preference to]~~ criminal cases and appeals de novo from the municipal and justice courts.

(c-1) The County Courts ~~[Court]~~ at Law Nos. 7 and ~~[No.]~~ 13 of Bexar County, Texas, shall give preference to cases prosecuted under:

(1) Section 22.01, Penal Code, in which the victim is a person whose relationship to or association with the defendant is described by Chapter 71, Family Code; and

(2) Section 25.07 or 25.072, Penal Code.

(j) The judge of a county court at law shall be paid as provided by Section 25.0005 ~~[an annual salary in an amount not less than \$25,000 and not more than the total annual salary, including supplements, paid a district judge in the county]~~. The compensation shall be paid out of the county's general fund or officers' salary fund. ~~[The commissioners court shall consider the financial condition of the county and the duties and needs of the county court at law judges in setting the salaries of the judges.]~~

1 Before raising a salary the commissioners court must publish notice
2 containing information of the salaries affected and the amount of
3 the proposed raise in a newspaper of general circulation in the
4 county. The commissioners court may raise the salaries of the
5 county court at law judges only after 10 days' notice and only at a
6 regular meeting of the commissioners court.

7 (v) Section 25.0006 [~~25.0006(a)~~] does not apply to a county
8 court at law in [~~County Courts at Law Nos. 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12,~~
9 ~~13, 14, and 15 of~~] Bexar County. [~~Section 25.0006(b) does not apply~~
10 ~~to County Courts at Law Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14,~~
11 ~~and 15 of Bexar County.~~]

12 (w) This section does not apply to the statutory probate
13 courts [~~County Court at Law No. 1 and Probate Court~~].

14 SECTION 2. Sections 25.0172(a), (b), and (i), Government
15 Code, are repealed.

16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

S.B. No. 909

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 909 passed the Senate on April 7, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 909 passed the House on May 15, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 1, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor