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H.B. No. 3426

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to concurrent jurisdiction of a statutory county court with a district court in certain civil cases.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.0003(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) In addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, a statutory county court exercising civil jurisdiction concurrent with the constitutional jurisdiction of the county court has concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in:

(1) civil cases in which the matter in controversy exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$200,000, excluding interest~~—~~
~~statutory or punitive damages and penalties, and attorney's fees~~
~~and costs, as alleged on the face of the petition]; and~~

(2) appeals of final rulings and decisions of the division of workers' compensation of the Texas Department of Insurance regarding workers' compensation claims, regardless of the amount in controversy.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.