

By: Rodriguez of Bexar

H.B. No. 2369

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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15 Code, are repealed.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.