

1-1 By: Perry S.B. No. 2215
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2019; March 21, 2019, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 April 17, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 17, 2019,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-8 Huffman | X | | | |
| 1-9 Hughes | X | | | |
| 1-10 Birdwell | X | | | |
| 1-11 Creighton | X | | | |
| 1-12 Fallon | X | | | |
| 1-13 Hall | X | | | |
| 1-14 Lucio | X | | | |
| 1-15 Nelson | X | | | |
| 1-16 Zaffirini | X | | | |

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2215 By: Nelson

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the 1st Multicounty Court at Law.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 25.2702, Government Code, is amended by
1-24 amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsections (d-1) and (d-2) to
1-25 read as follows:

1-26 (d) The judge of the county court at law shall appoint an
1-27 official court reporter. The judge may appoint a court
1-28 administrator to aid the judge in the performance of the judge's
1-29 duties. The official court reporter and the court administrator of
1-30 the county court at law are entitled to receive a salary set by the
1-31 commissioners courts in the counties the reporter or administrator
1-32 serves to be paid out of the county treasuries, either by salary or
1-33 by contract as set by the commissioners courts [the same salary and
1-34 to be paid in the same manner as the official court reporter and
1-35 court administrator, respectively, of the district court in the
1-36 administrative county for the court]. The clerk of the court shall
1-37 tax as costs, in each civil, criminal, and probate case in which a
1-38 record of any part of the evidence in the case is made by the
1-39 reporter, a stenographer's fee of \$25. The fee shall be paid in the
1-40 same manner as other costs in the case. The clerk collects the fee
1-41 and pays it into the general funds of the counties.

1-42 (d-1) Fisher, Mitchell, and Nolan Counties shall enter into
1-43 an interlocal agreement allocating the financial obligations of
1-44 each county in relation to the county court at law and the budget,
1-45 powers, and duties of the court and salaries of court personnel.

1-46 (d-2) If the counties served by the county court at law are
1-47 unable to reach an agreement under Subsection (d-1) before the
1-48 first day of the fiscal year for a county served by the court, each
1-49 county shall pay to the court's administrative county a share of the
1-50 court's administrative and operational costs for the fiscal year
1-51 based on the proportion of the court's caseload originating in the
1-52 county during the preceding year. A county is entitled to
1-53 compensation from the state under Section 25.0015 in proportion to
1-54 the amount paid under this subsection.

1-55 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-56 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-57 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-58 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-59 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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