

AN ACT

relating to the operation and administration of courts in the
judicial branch of state government.

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

ARTICLE 1. MASTERS AND MAGISTRATES

SECTION 1.01. Article 4.01, Code of Criminal Procedure, is
amended to read as follows:

Art. 4.01. WHAT COURTS HAVE CRIMINAL JURISDICTION. The
following courts have jurisdiction in criminal actions:

1. The Court of Criminal Appeals;
2. Courts of appeals;
3. The district courts;
4. The criminal district courts;
5. The magistrates appointed by the judges of the district
courts of Bexar County, Dallas County, Tarrant County, or Travis
County that give preference to criminal cases and the magistrates
appointed by the judges of the criminal district courts of Dallas
County or Tarrant County;
6. The county courts;
7. All county courts at law with criminal jurisdiction;
8. County criminal courts;
9. Justice courts;
10. Municipal courts;
11. The magistrates appointed by the judges of the district
courts of Lubbock County; ~~and~~
12. The magistrates appointed by the El Paso Council of
Judges; and
13. The magistrates appointed by the Collin County
Commissioners Court.

ARTICLE 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 2.01. Except as otherwise provided by this Act, this
Act takes effect September 1, 2021.