

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the jurisdiction of criminal law hearing officers in
3 Cameron County.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 54.1356(a), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) A criminal law hearing officer appointed under this
8 subchapter has limited concurrent jurisdiction over criminal cases
9 filed in the district courts, statutory county courts, and justice
10 courts of the county. The jurisdiction of the criminal law hearing
11 officer is limited to:

12 (1) determining probable cause for further detention
13 of any person detained on a criminal complaint, information, or
14 indictment filed in the district courts, statutory county courts,
15 or justice courts of the county;

16 (2) committing the defendant to jail, discharging the
17 defendant from custody, or admitting the defendant to bail, as the
18 law and facts of the case require;

19 (3) issuing search warrants and arrest warrants as
20 provided by law for magistrates; ~~and~~

21 (4) as to criminal cases filed in justice courts,
22 disposing of cases as provided by law, other than by trial, and
23 collecting fines and enforcing judgments and orders of the justice
24 courts in criminal cases;

1 (5) hearing, considering, and ruling on writs of
2 habeas corpus filed under Article 17.151, Code of Criminal
3 Procedure; and

4 (6) on motion of the district attorney:

5 (A) dismissing a criminal case when the arresting
6 agency has not timely filed the offense report with the district
7 attorney; and

8 (B) reducing the amount of bond on prisoners held
9 at the county jail whose cases have not been filed in a district
10 court or a statutory county court.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

David Newburn

President of the Senate

Jim Strawn

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3417 was passed by the House on May 12, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 149, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Robert Nancy
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3417 was passed by the Senate on May 26, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patsy Snow
Secretary of the Senate

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Date

Rick Perry

Governor

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