

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 3321  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties contend that the judicial process through which protective orders are handled in Baylor, Cottle, King, and Knox Counties is not conducive to the safety and well-being of those seeking such an order, as they sometimes face bureaucratic delay in obtaining the order. H.B. 3321 seeks to streamline the process for obtaining a protective order in these counties by granting the county courts of these counties jurisdiction over cases and proceedings involving protective orders.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 3321 amends the Government Code to grant the county courts of Baylor, Cottle, King, and Knox Counties jurisdiction over cases and proceedings involving protective orders.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2017.