

SUBJECT: Composition of the 6th, 336th, and creation of the 397th Judicial Districts

COMMITTEE: Judiciary — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 6 ayes — Hartnett, Hopson, Alonzo, Gonzales, Goolsby, Hughes

0 nays

3 absent — Homer, R. Cook, Krusee

WITNESSES: None

DIGEST: HB 3083 would create the 397th Judicial District and would alter the jurisdictions of the 6th and 336th districts.

The 397th Judicial District. HB 3083 would amend Government Code, ch. 24, subch. C, by adding sec. 24.542, which would establish the 397th Judicial District comprising Grayson County. The 397th Judicial District would be created on September 15, 2008.

The 6th Judicial District. HB 3083 would amend the heading of Government Code, secs. 24.106 and 24.106(a) to remove the 6th district's jurisdiction over Fannin County. Its jurisdiction would remain over Lamar and Red River counties. These changes would take effect January 1, 2010.

The 336th Judicial District. HB 3083 would amend the heading of Government Code, secs. 24.482 and sec. 24.482(a) to remove the 336th district's jurisdiction over Grayson County. It would continue to exercise jurisdiction over Fannin County. These changes would take effect on January 1, 2010.

The local administrative judge for the 6th District Court would transfer all cases from Fannin County that were pending in the 6th District Court on January 1, 2010, to the 336th Judicial District and could transfer any case from Fannin County that was pending or filed in the 6th District Court on or after September 15, 2008, to the 336th District Court.

The local administrative judge for the 336th District Court would transfer all cases from Grayson County that were pending in the 336th District

Court on January 1, 2010, to the 397th District Court and could transfer any case from Grayson County that was pending or filed in the 336th District Court on or after September 15, 2008 to the 397th District Court.

Except as otherwise provided, HB 3083 would take effect on September 1, 2007.

NOTES:

According to the Legislative Budget Board, HB 3083 would cost the state a total of \$151,630 in all funds and \$97,724 in general revenue in fiscal 2009. It would cost a total of \$158,223 in all funds and \$101,973 in GR every year thereafter. These funds would reflect the salary and benefits for the judge in the newly created 397th Judicial District.