

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 2734
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DIGEST

Currently, Matagorda County has a constitutional county judge who performs required judicial duties including criminal, probate, and juvenile cases. The county judge performs all other necessary administrative duties required. Matagorda County has no County Court-at-Law, but legislation was passed during the 74th Legislature authorizing a Matagorda County Court-at-Law to be effective January 1, 1998, or on an earlier date determined by the commissioners court. At this time, county officials do not believe that a statutory county court will be necessary this year. This bill would provide that the County Court-at-Law of Matagorda County is created September 1, 2001, rather than January 1, 1998.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2734 provides that the County Court-at-Law of Matagorda County is created September 1, 2001, rather than January 1, 1998.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2, Chapter 551, Acts of the 74th Legislature, Regular Session, 1995, as follows:

Sec. 2. Provides that notwithstanding Section 25.1631, Government Code, as added by this Act, the County Court at Law of Matagorda County is created September 1, 2001, rather than January 1, 1998, or on an earlier date determined by the commissioners court by an order entered in its minutes.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.