

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, the district attorneys of the 24th Judicial District are subject to the provisions of the Professional Prosecutors Act. The 24th Judicial District is a small district that at any given time has approximately 20 lawyers or less who actually reside in the district. If the district attorney must give up his or her private practice in order to serve, as required by the professional prosecutors law, the office will only appeal to those attorneys who have no significant private practice and who have not established themselves in the district. This bill will delete the district attorneys of the 24th Judicial District from the list of district attorneys to which the Professional Prosecutors Act applies.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 324 deletes the district attorneys of the 24th Judicial District from the list of district attorneys to which the professional prosecutors law applies.

### **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 46.002, Government Code, to delete a provision that this chapter applies to the district attorneys for the 24th Judicial District.

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