BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 1274 By: Tillery (Carona) State Affairs 5/4/1999 Engrossed

DIGEST

Currently, judges of municipal courts and their clerks are not authorized to administer oaths or give certificates of fact, while other persons in similar positions are so authorized. This bill would authorize a judge or a clerk of a municipal court to administer an oath or to give a certificate of fact in a matter pertaining to a duty of the court.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1274 authorizes a judge or a clerk of a municipal court to administer an oath or to give a certificate of fact in a matter pertaining to a duty of the court.

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 602.002, Government Code, to authorize a judge or a clerk of a municipal court to administer an oath or to give a certificate of fact in a matter pertaining to a duty of the court. Redesignates Subsections (1)-(10) as Subsections (2)-(11), respectively.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.