

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law limits the amount in controversy in a county court at law in Cameron County to no more than \$100,000. Expanding the amount would allow cases which would normally be filed in the local district court to be filed in the county court at law, thus diminishing the caseload of the district court. H.B. 1350 would increase the allowed amount in controversy in a county court at law in Cameron County to \$1 million, rather than \$100,000.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1350 increases the allowed amount in statutory county courts of Cameron County to \$1 million.

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 25.0332(a), Government Code, to provide that in addition to the jurisdiction provided by Section 25.0003 and other law, a county court at law in Cameron County has concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in civil cases in which the amount in controversy exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$1 million, rather than \$100,000, excluding interest.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.