

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 323  
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### **DIGEST**

Texas cities may own land and facilities located outside their city limits. Currently, cities have the authority to adopt and enforce ordinances relating to acts committed at these places, but county justice courts, rather than municipal courts, have jurisdiction over criminal violations of those ordinances. H.B. 323 would establish provisions regarding the jurisdiction of municipal courts.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 323 establishes provisions regarding the jurisdiction of municipal courts.

### **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 Sections 29.003(a) and (b), Government Code, to require a municipal court, including a municipal court of record, to have exclusive original jurisdiction within the municipality's territorial limits and property owned by the municipality located in the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction in all criminal cases that fulfill certain conditions. Makes conforming changes.

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