

**BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 3827  
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**DIGEST**

The 50th Judicial District is composed of Baylor, Cottle, King, and Knox counties. Currently, county judges in the 50th Judicial District cannot accept a not guilty plea. In order to set a trial date and start proceedings the county judge must turn the case over to the district judge.

**PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 3827 set forth the jurisdiction of certain counties.

**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 24.152(b), Government Code, to provide that the district court in Baylor, Cottle, King, and Knox counties has the civil jurisdiction of a county court, in addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, rather than certain court jurisdictions, to receive and enter guilty pleas in misdemeanor cases.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 26.151, Government Code, to provided that the County Court of Cottle County has the general criminal jurisdiction of a county court. Make conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.