

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, there is a strain on the county courts in Bexar County because of the great population growth experienced by San Antonio. More courts are needed to handle the growing criminal and civil dockets. S.B. 158 creates three new county courts in Bexar County and requires the courts to give preference to certain cases.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 158 creates County Courts at Law No. 10, 11, and 12 of Bexar County, Texas, and requires that these courts give preference to certain cases.

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 25.0171(b), Government Code, to add County Court at Law No. 10 of Bexar County, Texas; County Court at Law No. 11 of Bexar County, Texas; and County Court at No. 12 of Bexar County, Texas, to the list of county courts in Bexar County. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 25.0172, Government Code, by adding Subsection (b) and amending Subsections (c), (d), (l), (n), (o), (u), and (v), to require County Court at Law No. 10 to give preference to civil cases, and County Courts at Law No. 11 and 12 to give preference to criminal cases. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.