

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the maximum claim amount for civil cases with concurrent jurisdiction between county, justice, and small claims courts is \$5,000. This bill increases this maximum claim amount, which authorizes certain courts to have concurrent jurisdiction with justice courts, to \$10,000.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 55 increases the maximum claim amount to \$10,000 which authorizes certain courts to have concurrent jurisdiction with justice 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 26.042(a) and (d), Government Code, to increase the maximum claim amount to \$10,000, rather than \$5,000, which authorizes a county court to have concurrent jurisdiction with justice and district courts in civil areas.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 27.031(a), Government Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 28.003(a), Government Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 1999.
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 5. Emergency clause.