

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, a district judge may send a criminal case to the magistrate, but the order referring the case must be in writing. Court cases would be expedited if the judge could read the referral into the docket rather than writing the order. S.B. 952 authorizes a judge to issue a written order of referral or to read the order of referral into the minutes of the court.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 952 authorizes a judge to issue a written order of referral or to read the order of referral into the minutes of the court.

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 54.907(a), Government Code, to authorize a judge to issue a written order of referral or to read the order of referral into the minutes of the court.

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