

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 1876  
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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Under current Texas law, a master appointed to conduct a probable cause hearing for court-ordered mental health services may practice law in the court the master serves, but there is some confusion regarding the authority of a master in chancery for a delinquent ad valorem tax suit to practice law in the court in which that master serves. As proposed, H.B. 1876 authorizes a master in chancery for a delinquent ad valorem tax suit to practice law in the court the master serves if otherwise qualified to do so.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 33.71, Tax Code, by adding Subsection (h), to authorize an attorney appointed a master under this section, notwithstanding any other law or requirement, to practice law in the referring court if otherwise qualified to do so.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.