

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 485
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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Reagan County is currently divided between the 83rd and 112th judicial districts, which requires the state to provide a travel allowance to the district attorney and the district judge of the 83rd Judicial District. H.B. 485 removes Reagan County from the 83rd Judicial District and the jurisdiction of the 83rd District Court.

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 24.185, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 24.185. New heading: 83RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (PECOS, TERRELL, UPTON, AND VAL VERDE COUNTIES). Deletes Reagan County from the 83rd Judicial District. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 43.141(a), Government Code, to delete Reagan County from this section.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2001.

SECTION 4. (a) Requires the local administrative district judge to transfer all cases from Reagan County that are pending in the 83rd District Court on the effective date of this Act to the 112th District Court.

(b) Provides that when a case is transferred as provided by Subsection (a) of this section, all processes, writs, bonds, recognizance, or other obligations issued from the 83rd District Court are returnable to the 112th District Court as if originally issued by that court. Provides that the obligees on all bonds and recognizances taken in and for the 83rd District Court and all witnesses summoned to appear in the 83rd District Court are required to appear before the 112th District Court as if originally required to appear before that court.

SECTION 5. Provides that Section 43.141(a), Government Code, as amended by this Act, does not affect the election of a district attorney for the 83rd Judicial District held before the effective date of this Act. Requires the district attorney of the 83rd Judicial District elected before and serving on the effective date of this Act to serve the remainder of the elected term, unless otherwise removed by law.