

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, Upton County is in two judicial districts. The county commissioners believe that its population and number of cases do not warrant the district's inclusion in two judicial districts. As proposed, S.B. 520 removes Upton County from the 83rd Judicial District.

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, AND VAL VERDE COUNTIES). (a) Provides that the 83rd Judicial District is composed of Pecos, Terrell, and Val Verde counties.

(b) Provides that the 83rd and 112th district courts have concurrent jurisdiction in Pecos County, rather than in Pecos and Upton counties.

(c) No change to this subsection.

(d) Provides that the terms of the 83rd District Court begin on the second Monday in January and July. Makes conforming changes.

(e) Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 43.141(a), Government Code, to remove Upton County from the list of counties whose voters elect a district attorney for the 83rd Judicial District.

SECTION 3. (a) Requires the local administrative district judge to transfer pending cases from Upton County on September 1, 2003, from the 83rd District Court to the 112th District Court.

(b) Provides for the administration of cases transferred in accordance with Subsection (a).

SECTION 4. Amends Section 43.141(a), Government Code, to make application of this Act prospective. Requires the district attorney of the 83rd Judicial District elected before and serving on that date to serve the remainder of the elected term, unless otherwise removed by law.

SECTION 5. Effective date: September 1, 2003.