

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Under current law, an appointed municipal judge may hold a municipal judge office in multiple cities. However, an elected municipal judge may not hold another municipal judge office. H.B. 1717 allows both elected or appointed judges to serve in more than one municipality.

H.B. 1717 amends current law relating to a person holding office as a municipal judge in more than one municipality at the same time.

### **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 574.001(b), Government Code, to authorize a person to hold the office of municipal judge for more than one municipality at the same time, rather than hold the office of municipal judge for more than one municipality at the same time if each office is filled by appointment.

SECTION 2. Effective date: January 1, 2020, contingent upon approval by the voters of the constitutional amendment proposed by the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, permitting a person to hold more than one office as a municipal judge at the same time.