

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 3545
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Committee Report (Amended)

DIGEST

Currently, with a crowded county court-at-law system, Cameron County is seeking to add an additional County Court at Law to be called County Court at Law No. 3 of Cameron County. A third county court is viewed as a good way to relieve the county's backlogged court system since there are sufficient funds available to fund such a court and the Cameron County Commissioners Court supports the establishment of such a court. This bill would create a third County Court at Law in Cameron County, Texas.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 3545 creates a third County Court at Law in Cameron County.

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 25.0331(a), Government Code, to provide that Cameron County has County Court at Law No. 3 of Cameron County, among other statutory courts. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 25.0332(k), Government Code, to provide that the county sheriff serves the other county courts at law, rather than County Court at Law No. 2 of Cameron County, as provided by Section 25.0010(b).

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

Amendment 1.

Page 1, line 18, strikes existing SECTION 3, providing for an effective date of September 1, 1999, and replaces with a new proposed SECTION 3, providing for an effective date of September 1, 1997.