BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center S.B. 1130

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DIGEST

Currently, Denton County has one district court for each 67,130 citizens. Criminal filings have increased 66 percent, which takes up most up the court's time. This leaves little time to devote to family law matters. This bill provides that the 406th Judicial District is composed of Denton County and to require the district to give preference to family law matters.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1130 provides that the 406th Judicial District (district) is composed of Denton County and requires the district to give preference to family law matters.

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 Chapter 24C, Government Code, by adding Section 24.550, as follows:

Sec. 24.550. 406TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (DENTON COUNTY). Provide that the 406th Judicial District (district) is composed of Denton County and to require the district to give preference to family law matters.

SECTION 2. Effective date: October 1, 1998.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.