

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, thousands of juvenile cases are filed each year with the 16 justice courts of Harris County. There has been an informal agreement over the last two years among the three juvenile district courts and the 16 justice courts on how to distribute cases. With the heavy caseload of juvenile criminal cases, it would be more efficient to include a justice of the peace on the Harris County juvenile board. This bill would include a justice of the peace on the Harris County juvenile board, thereby formalizing the relationship between the district courts and the justice courts.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1082 includes a justice of the peace on the Harris County juvenile board, thereby formalizing the relationship between the district courts and the justice courts.

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 152.1071(a), Human Resources Code, by adding to the composition of the Harris County juvenile board a justice of the peace from Harris County selected by a majority vote of all of the justices of the peace in the county.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.