BILL ANALYSIS

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S.B. 1571 By: West Criminal Justice 4/6/1999 As Filed

DIGEST

Currently, the venue for a juvenile delinquency proceeding may be either in the county in which the child resides, or the county where an alleged delinquent conduct or conduct indicating need for supervision occurred. At times, a case, obliging the requirements, changes venue repeatedly. S.B. 1571 would require the venue to be only in the county in which the delinquent conduct or conduct indicating a need for supervision occurred.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1571 amends the venue requirements of certain child delinquency proceedings.

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 51.05(a), Family Code, to delete the provision that a proceeding under this title must commence in the county in which the child resides. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.