

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Bexar County dockets are overcrowded from a dramatic increase in population growth in San Antonio. The San Antonio District Judges agree that additional courts are needed to handle the growing criminal and civil dockets. S.B. 150 would create five new judicial districts composed of Bexar County; two districts would give preference to civil matters; two others to criminal matters; and one district would give preference to juvenile cases.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 159 creates the 379th, 386th, 387th, 388th, and 389th judicial districts in Bexar 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 Chapter 24C, Government Code, by adding Sections 24.524, 24.531-24.534, as follows:

Sec. 24.524. 379TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (BEXAR COUNTY). Provides that the 379th Judicial District is composed of Bexar County. Requires the 379th Judicial District to give preference to criminal cases.

Sec. 24.531. 368TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (BEXAR COUNTY). Provides that the 368th Judicial District is composed of Bexar County. Requires the 368th Judicial District to give preference to civil cases.

Sec. 24.532. 387TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (BEXAR COUNTY). Provides that the 387th Judicial District is composed of Bexar County. Requires the 387th Judicial District to give preference to civil cases.

Sec. 24.533. 388TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (BEXAR COUNTY). Provides that the 388th Judicial District is composed of Bexar County. Requires the 388th Judicial District to give preference to criminal cases.

Sec. 24.534. 389TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (BEXAR COUNTY). Provides that the 389th Judicial District is composed of Bexar County. Requires the 389th Judicial District to give preference to civil cases.

SECTION 2. Provides that the 379th, 386th, 387th, 388th, and 389th judicial districts are created. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.