

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport partially overlaps several cities, creating the need to clarify statutes that apply to municipal court authority concerning certain violations within the area. S.B. 841 expands municipal court jurisdiction to include actions of a joint airport board, and limits policing authority to within airport property by certain persons who are unrelated to the joint board.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 841 expands municipal court jurisdiction to include actions of a joint airport board.

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 29.003, Government Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (f), to authorize a municipal court to have exclusive original jurisdiction in a criminal case that arises under a resolution, rule, or order of a joint operating board operating an airport under Section 22.074, Transportation Code. Expands reasons why certain fines can be assessed, to include cases arising under resolutions, rules, or orders of a joint board. Provides that this section does not affect the powers of a joint board operating under Section 22.074(d), Transportation Code. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 22.074, Transportation Code, by adding Subsection (e), to clarify municipal court jurisdictions involving Section 29.003, Government Code. Limits the authority of certain municipality officers or employees to enter airport property for policing purposes, except as permitted by a valid interlocal agreement.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 2.

Amends Section 22.074(e), Transportation Code, to add text regarding an exception.