

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, judicial districts and administrative judicial districts are composed of counties. The 33rd Judicial District has experienced such large population increases in the past few years that reassigning certain counties would ease the burden on the 33rd District Court. S.B. 917 would reassign Mason County out of the 33rd Judicial District and the Third Administrative Judicial Region and into the 198th Judicial District and the Sixth Administrative Region, and would reassign Concho County out of the 198th Judicial District into the 119th Judicial District.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 917 modifies the composition of the 33rd and 198th judicial districts and the Third and Sixth administrative judicial regions.

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 24.135, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 24.135. New heading: 33RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT (BLANCO, BURNET, LLANO, AND SAN SABA COUNTIES). Provides that the 33rd Judicial District is composed of Blanco, Burnet, Llano, and San Saba counties. Deletes Mason County as a county in which the 33rd District Court term begins.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 24.377, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 24.377. New heading: 198th JUDICIAL DISTRICT (KERR, KIMBLE, MCCULLOCH, MASON, AND MENARD COUNTIES). Provides that the 198th Judicial District is composed of Kerr, Kimble, McCulloch, Mason, and Menard counties.

SECTION 3. Amends Sections 74.042(d) and (g), Government Code, to include Mason County as one of the counties of which the Third Administrative Judicial Region is composed. Includes Mason County in the Sixth Administrative Judicial Region.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 1999.