

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 2201
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The current arrangement of counties and judicial districts involving Waller and Grimes Counties do not meet the needs of local judges, parties, and attorneys.

H.B. 2201 removes Waller County from the 9th Judicial District and creates the 506th Judicial District composed of Grimes and Waller Counties.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to any state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends section 24.109, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 24.109. New heading: 9TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (MONTGOMERY COUNTY).

(a) Deletes existing text relating to Waller County.

(b) Redesignated from Subsection (c). Deletes existing text providing that the 9th and 155th district courts have concurrent jurisdiction in Waller County. Deletes existing text relating to the terms of the 9th District Court in Waller County. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Repealer: Section 24.254 (d), (providing that Section 24.109, relating to the 9th District Court, contains provisions applicable to both that court and the 155th District Court).

SECTION 3. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 24, Government Code, by adding Section 24.5995, as follows:

Sec. 24.5995. 506TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (GRIMES AND WALLER COUNTIES).

Provides that the 506th Judicial District is composed of Grimes and Waller counties.

SECTION 4. (a) Requires the local administrative district judge to transfer all cases from Waller County that are pending in the 9th District Court on the effective date of this Act to the 506th District Court.

(b) Provides that when a case is transferred as provided by Subsection (a) of this section, all processes, writs, bonds, recognizances, or other obligations issued from the 9th District Court are returnable to the 506th District Court as if originally issued by that court. Requires the obligees on all bonds and recognizances taken in and for the 9th District Court and all witnesses summoned to appear in the 9th District Court are required to appear before the 506th District Court as if originally required to appear before that court.

SECTION 5. Provides that the 506th Judicial District is created on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 6. Effective date: September 1, 2007.