

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.H.B. 984  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

C.S.H.B. 984 amends current law relating to agreements between neighboring municipalities regarding jurisdiction of cases in municipal courts.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 29.003, Government Code, by adding Subsection (i), as follows:

(i) Authorizes a municipality to enter into an agreement with a contiguous municipality or a municipality with boundaries that are within one-half mile of the municipality seeking to enter into the agreement to establish concurrent jurisdiction of the municipal courts in the municipalities and provide original jurisdiction to a municipal court in which a case is brought as if the municipal court were located in the municipality in which the case arose, for all cases in which either municipality has jurisdiction under Subsection (a) (relating to requiring a municipal court to have exclusive jurisdiction within the municipality's territorial limits), and cases that arise under Section 821.022 (Seizure of Cruelly Treated Animal), Health and Safety Code, or Section 25.094 (Failure to Attend School), Education Code.

SECTION 2. Amends Article 4.14, Code of Criminal Procedure, by adding Subsection (g), as follows:

(g) Authorizes a municipality to enter into an agreement with a contiguous municipality or a municipality with boundaries that are within one-half mile of the municipality seeking to enter into the agreement to establish concurrent jurisdiction of the municipal courts in the municipalities and provide original jurisdiction to a municipal court in which a case is brought as if the municipal court were located in the municipality in which the case arose, for all cases in which either municipality has jurisdiction under Subsection (a) (relating to requiring a municipal court to have exclusive jurisdiction within the municipality's territorial limits), and cases that arise under Section 821.022, Health and Safety Code, or Section 25.094, Education Code.

SECTION 3. Makes application of Section 29.003(i), Government Code, as added by this Act, or under Article 4.14(g), Code of Criminal Procedure, as added by this Act, prospective.

SECTION 4. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2011.