

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 3507
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DIGEST

Currently, the Gregg County Court at Law does not have jurisdiction over family law matters. Many county courts at law have this jurisdiction; however, the Act creating the county court at law in Gregg County did not include this jurisdiction. This jurisdiction would enable the court to hear uncontested divorce and other family law matters when the judge in the 307th Family District Court is unavailable. This bill will also grant the Gregg County Court at Law jurisdiction in family law matters.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 3507 grants the Gregg County Court at Law jurisdiction in family law matters.

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 25.0942, Government Code, by adding Subsection (a), to provide that, in addition to the jurisdiction provided by Section 25.0003 and other law, a county court of law in Gregg County has concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in family law cases and proceedings.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.