

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, district courts and county courts at law have concurrent jurisdiction in eminent domain cases. An individual who initiates a condemnation proceeding is authorized, but not required, to file the petition with the entity authorized to handle filings, but not specifically condemnation filings, for that court. H.B. 1187 requires, rather than authorizes, a party who initiates a condemnation proceeding to file the petition with any clerk authorized to handle such filings.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1187 requires, rather than authorizes, a party who initiates a condemnation proceeding to file the petition with any clerk authorized to handle such filings.

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 21.013(b), Property Code, to require, rather than authorize, a party who initiates a condemnation proceeding to file the petition with any clerk authorized to handle such filings.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.