

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, the jurisdictional maximum for civil cases filed in the Parker County Court at Law is the sum of \$100,000 amount in controversy. An increase to \$500,000 amount in controversy is sought to make Parker County consistent with other courts at law around the state. This bill would increase the jurisdictional amount in controversy limit to \$500,000, from \$100,000.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 3176 redefines the jurisdiction of the County Court at Law of Parker County.

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 25.1862(a), Government Code, to provide that a county court at law in Parker County has concurrent jurisdiction with the district court in civil cases in which the matter in controversy exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$500,000, excluding interest, statutory or punitive damages and penalties, and attorney's fees and costs, as alleged on the face of a petition. Makes conforming changes.

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