

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

The 50th Judicial District is composed of Baylor, Cottle, King, and Knox counties. Currently, county judges in the 50th Judicial District can try misdemeanor cases, but can only accept guilty pleas. H.B. 3828 restricts the additional jurisdiction granted the district court in Baylor, Cottle, King, and Knox counties to the civil jurisdiction of a county court. This bill also grants general criminal jurisdiction to the County Court of Knox County.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 3828 restricts the additional jurisdiction granted by the district court in certain counties to the civil jurisdiction of a county court, and grants general criminal jurisdiction to the County Court of Knox 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 24.152(b), Government Code, to provide that the district court in Baylor, Cottle, King, and Knox counties has the civil jurisdiction of a county court in addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, rather than the civil and criminal jurisdiction of a county court except for the jurisdiction each county court retains to receive and enter guilty pleas in misdemeanor cases

SECTION 2. Amends Section 26.238, Government Code, to grant general criminal jurisdiction to the County Court of Knox County. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.