

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, a magistrate in Bexar County is prohibited from entering a ruling on any issue of law or fact if that ruling could result in dismissal or require dismissal of a pending criminal prosecution even if the dismissal is approved by the sitting judge. As proposed, S.B. 1169 allows a judge in Bexar County to delegate the signing of certain dismissals to the judge's magistrate.

### **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 54.908, Government Code, to delete existing Subsection (b) pertaining to the prohibition of a magistrate's ruling on certain issues.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2001.