

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

The City of Bullard does not currently have a municipal court of record. This results in appeals being handled with a new trial in the county court, which may nullify certain court decisions and cause a backlog in county court cases. As proposed, S.B. 747 creates a municipal court of record and sets forth requirements regarding a municipal judge.

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 Chapter 30, Government Code, by adding Subchapter MM, as follows:

SUBCHAPTER MM. BULLARD

Sec. 30.01481. APPLICATION. Makes this subchapter applicable to the City of Bullard.

Sec. 30.01482. QUALIFICATIONS OF JUDGE. Requires that a municipal judge be a resident of this state and a citizen of the United States. Provides that Section 30.00006(c) does not apply to this subchapter.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.