

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, only three of the nine criminal district courts in Tarrant County have concurrent jurisdiction over misdemeanor cases. As proposed, S.B. 354 would allow certain district courts to have concurrent original jurisdiction with the county criminal courts in Tarrant County over misdemeanor cases.

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 24.392, Government Code, by adding Subsection (c) to provide that in addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the 213th District Court has concurrent original jurisdiction with the county criminal courts in Tarrant County over misdemeanor cases.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 24.474, Government Code, by adding Subsection (d) to provide that in addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the 297th District Court has concurrent original jurisdiction with the county criminal courts in Tarrant County over misdemeanor cases.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 24.516, Government Code, by adding Subsection (c) to provide that in addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the 371st District Court has concurrent original jurisdiction with the county criminal courts in Tarrant County over misdemeanor cases.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 24.517, Government Code, by adding Subsection (c) to provide that in addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the 372nd District Court has concurrent original jurisdiction with the county criminal courts in Tarrant County over misdemeanor cases.

SECTION 5. Amends Section 24.541, Government Code, by adding Subsection (c) to provide that in addition to other jurisdiction provided by law, the 396th District Court has concurrent original jurisdiction with the county criminal courts in Tarrant County over misdemeanor cases.

SECTION 6. Amends Section 24.913, Government Code, by adding Subsection (e) to provide that in addition to the jurisdiction provided by Subchapter C and other law, the Tarrant County Criminal District Court No. 4 has concurrent original jurisdiction with the county criminal courts in Tarrant County over misdemeanor cases.

SECTION 7. Effective date: September 1, 2003.