

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Williamson County continues to experience tremendous population growth. While the distinction of being one of the fastest growing counties in the state and the nation provides many opportunities, there are challenges as well. One of the areas experiencing a real impact from the continued growth is the court system. Williamson County currently has three county courts at law, with the last county court created in 1999.

There is a demonstrated need for another county court at law. Specifically the commissioners court passed a resolution seeking the creation of such a court by the legislature.

As proposed, H.B. 564 creates a fourth county court at law in Williamson County. The creation of this additional statutory court will help relieve the crowded dockets of the other courts and will help ensure the timely administration of justice.

### **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 25.2481, Government Code, to add County Court at Law No. 4 of Williamson County to the statutory county courts of Williamson County. Makes a nonsubstantive change.

SECTION 2. Creates the County Court at Law No. 4 of Williamson County on January 1, 2006.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2005.