

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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

Current law authorizes an investigator appointed by a prosecuting attorney to serve arrest warrants, subpoenas, and all other process issued by certain courts in criminal cases.

H.B. 3210 extends such authority to civil processes.

### **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 41.109(a), Government Code, to provide that an investigator appointed by a prosecuting attorney has the same authority as the sheriff of the county to make arrests anywhere in the county and to serve anywhere in the state warrants, capiases, subpoenas in criminal cases, and all other processes in civil or criminal cases, rather than only criminal cases, issued by a district court, county court, or justice court of this state.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.