

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, Kenedy, Kleberg, and Nueces counties are served by the 105th judicial district attorney, based in Nueces County. The caseload amount has increased in all three counties, and it would benefit all of the citizens of these counties if a separate district attorney's office were created for Kenedy and Kleberg counties.

As proposed, S.B. 1814 creates a separate district attorney for Kenedy and Kleberg counties and redesignates the 105th district attorney as the Nueces County district attorney.

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 43.148, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 43.148. New heading: NUECES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY. (a) Provides that the voters of Nueces County, rather than the voters of the 105th Judicial District, elect a district attorney. Deletes the provision that the district attorney serves the district courts of Kleberg and Kenedy counties.

(b) and (c) Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 43, Government Code, by adding Section 43.182, as follows:

Sec. 43.182. DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR KLEBERG AND KENEDY COUNTIES. Sets forth the standard language for the creation, duties, and supplementary compensation of the district attorney for Kleberg and Kenedy counties.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 46.002, Government Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 46.002, Government Code, effective January 1, 2009, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 5. Effective date: September 1, 2007.