

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law authorizes municipal judges, retired municipal judges, and municipal court clerks to administer oaths and provide a certificate of the fact only in matters pertaining to a duty of the court.

As proposed, S.B. 397 authorizes municipal judges, retired judges, and clerks to administer oaths and provide a certificate of the fact and removes the limitation applying the authority only to matters pertaining to a duty of the court.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to any state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 602.002, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 602.002. OATH MADE IN TEXAS. Deletes existing text authorizing a judge, retired judge, or clerk of a municipal court to administer an oath and give a certificate of the fact in a matter pertaining to a duty of the court.

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