

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the Government Code expressly states that the judge of a statutory county court has no authority over the county's administrative business that is performed by the county judge. H.B. 1989 authorizes the delegation of the duty to hear applications for alcoholic beverage licenses, wine and beer retailer's permits, or wine and beer retailer's off-premise permits to a judge of a statutory county court.

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 61.312, Alcoholic Beverage Code, by adding Subsection (e), to define "county officer" and "statutory county court."

SECTION 2. Amends Section 25.0004, Government Code, by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (e), as follows:

(d) Provides that the judge of a statutory county court has no authority over the county's administrative business that is performed by the county judge, except as provided by Subsection (e).

(e) Authorizes a judge of a statutory county to be delegated authority to hear an application under Section 25.052 (Delegation of Duties of County Judge), 26.07 (Delegation of Duties of County Judge), or 61.312 (Delegation of Duties of County Judge), Alcoholic Beverage Code.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2001.