

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 501  
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Judicial Affairs  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

In many counties, the Constitutional County Court has general criminal jurisdiction, which helps alleviate the burden on state district courts. A number of years ago, general criminal jurisdiction was removed from the County Court of Marion County. This has led to a backlog in the state district courts with jurisdiction in Marion County (District Courts 115 and 276). H.B. 501 returns general criminal jurisdiction to the County Court of Marion County.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 501 amends Section 26.258 of the Government Code to add general criminal jurisdiction to the jurisdiction of the County Court of Marion County.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2003.