

**BILL ANALYSIS**

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**DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, county courthouses are prohibited from creating a court annex outside of the county seat and are prohibited from storing records in a place other than the county seat. As proposed, S.B. 1564 enables a county to build an office annex outside the boundaries of the county seat and to store county documents in the facility.

**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 292.002, Local Government Code, as follows:

- (a) Makes a conforming change.
- (b) Authorizes the commissioners court, notwithstanding any other provision of the law, in any courts including districts courts to designate those places as auxiliary county seats for the purpose of holding court proceedings. Authorizes the records of any court sitting in an auxiliary court seat, including the records of the clerk of the court, to be kept in the auxiliary county seat.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.