

BILL ANALYSIS

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Judiciary
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Eleventh Court of Appeals district, which consists of twenty eight counties, was created in 1925 by an act of the 39th Legislature. The court is composed of a chief justice and two justices. It has appellate jurisdiction of both civil and criminal cases appealed from the lower courts in twenty eight counties in Texas. HB 1997 would create an appellate judicial system for the Eleventh Court of Appeals District that would assist the court with filings from lower courts.

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

The bill amends the Government Code by adding Section 22.212, which directs the commissioners court of each county in the Eleventh Court of Appeals District to establish an appellate judicial system to assist with filings from that county. The system will be financed with a dedicated fund drawn from a \$5 fee to be added to civil filings in county court, statutory county court, probate court and district court matters.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2005

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

The substitute lowers the fee imposed by the bill from \$10 to \$5.