

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.S.B. 552  
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Judiciary  
Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

This bill would allow a district judge in Nolan County to appoint one or more part time or full time magistrates to perform specified duties to help with the court's caseload.

### **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 adds a Subchapter BB to Chapter 54 of the Government Code regarding magistrates in Nolan County which provides that the commissioners court of Nolan County may authorize the judge of the district court to appoint one or more magistrates and sets the qualifications of such magistrates. The bill also provides for the salary, judicial immunity and powers of the magistrates.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Immediately on receipt of required vote, otherwise September 1, 2005

### **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE**

The substitute changes the reference to specific counties in the original bill to a statutory reference.