

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Jeff Wentworth, Chair, Senate Committee on Jurisprudence

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1622** by Pitts (Relating to the creation of a county court at law in Hill County.), **As Engrossed**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend Chapters 24, 25, and 26 of the Government Code and Chapter 152 of the Human Resources Code to create a statutory county court at law in Hill County. The bill would take effect on September 1, 2005.

**Local Government Impact**

Currently, Hill County has one district court and one constitutional county court; the bill would create a statutory court on September 1, 2005. The county would be responsible for the annual salaries of the court's judge, shared secretary/coordinator, and court reporter.

The annual cost for the new constitutional county court would be \$214,829 in addition to a one-time expenditure of \$2,200 to set up the office. Currently, Hill County receives no revenues from statutory county court costs and fees. The creation of a new court would result in revenues; however, the amount of the revenues cannot be estimated. Hill County's fiscal year begins October 1. The Hill County Court would be created on September 1, 2005; the fiscal impact for fiscal year 2005 would need to be prorated for one month.

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