

Amend **HB 421** (Senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) Strike SECTION 3 of the bill (page 1, line 42, through page 2, line 4) and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.

(2) In SECTION 5 of the bill (page 2, line 33), between "abolished" and the period, insert "on January 1, 2009".

(3) Strike SECTION 6 of the bill (page 2, line 34) and substitute the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Notwithstanding Section 41.010, Government Code, the initial vacancy in the office of criminal district attorney of Fannin County on creation of the office shall be filled by election. The office of criminal district attorney of Fannin County exists only for the purposes of the primary and general elections in 2008. The qualified voters of the county shall elect the initial criminal district attorney of Fannin County at the general election in 2008 for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2009. Thereafter, the criminal district attorney of Fannin County shall be elected for a four-year term as provided by Section 30, Article V, Texas Constitution. A vacancy after the initial vacancy is filled as provided by Section 12, Article IV, Texas Constitution.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. This Act takes effect January 1, 2008.