

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 1342  
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Judiciary  
Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

The population of Cameron County has continued to grow, and its caseload, including family law matters, has grown as well. The purpose of this bill is to create a new district court in Cameron county to handle family law matters.

### **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 would add a new section to the Government Code creating the 444th Judicial District. The court would be required to give preference to family law matters.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

January 1, 2009

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

The substitute contains language not contained in the original stating that at least 50% of the cases heard in the new court must be family law matters.