

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 4094  
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Judiciary  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Citizens may be confused about the nature of court costs, and by having uniform costs in both district and county courts at law, any confusion should be eliminated. Furthermore, after adoption of this act there should be a slight increase in the money collected in statutory county courts which could be used to aid in the provision of legal services for indigents. The purpose of this bill is to establish uniform fees in Midland County in cases where there is overlapping civil jurisdiction in statutory county courts and district 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**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 25.1672, Government Code, by adding subsection (e) to provide that a county court at law in Midland County shall assess the same fees as a district court in a case where it has concurrent civil jurisdiction with the district court.

SECTION 2. Makes the act prospective.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2007.