

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.S.B. 660  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Currently, there are seven statutory county courts in Travis County. These courts have experienced enormous growth and a large increase in caseload since the last court was added in 1999.

C.S.S.B. 660 creates an additional statutory county court in Travis County.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 25.2291(a), Government Code, to add the County Court at Law Number 8 of Travis County to the list of statutory county courts of Travis County.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 25.2292, Government Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1) and (n), as follows:

(a) Provides an exception to existing text for Subsection (a-1).

(a-1) Provides that the County Court at Law Number 8 of Travis County does not have jurisdiction in civil cases in which the amount in controversy exceeds the limit prescribed by Section 25.0003(c)(1) (providing that statutory county courts have jurisdiction in civil cases in which the matter in controversy exceeds \$500 but does not exceed \$100,000).

(n) Requires the County Court at Law Number 8 of Travis County to give preference to criminal cases.

SECTION 3. Creates the County Court at Law Number 8 of Travis County on the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4. Effective date: January 1, 2008.