

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 616  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Presently, the County Court of Glasscock County has juvenile, probate, and criminal jurisdiction, but no other civil jurisdiction. Because Glasscock County is currently within the jurisdiction of the 118th District Court, which also includes Howard County and Martin County, residents of Glasscock County must travel to one of these other counties to participate in civil cases. H.B. 616 seeks to remedy this situation by granting certain civil jurisdiction to the County Court of Glasscock County.

### **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**

H.B. 616 amends the Government Code to grant the County Court of Glasscock County the civil jurisdiction of a county court, concurrent with the district court.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2013.