BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1875 By: Lewis Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Under current law relating to the transfer of cases from one district court to another district court in the county, the consent of the judge of the court to which a case is transferred is not required. H.B. 1875 seeks to require such consent, with certain exceptions.

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. 1875 amends the Government Code to prohibit a district judge from transferring any civil or criminal case or proceeding to the docket of another district court without the consent of the judge of the court to which it is transferred. The bill excludes a case involving the parent-child relationship for which a court acquires continuing, exclusive jurisdiction from the authorization for a district judge in a county to transfer any civil or criminal case or proceeding on the court's docket to the docket of another district court in the county.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2013.

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