

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2499
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Criminal Jurisprudence
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties contend that bail bond boards currently use a paper filing system that can be burdensome and costly for counties, attorneys, and bail bond agents. The parties believe that using an electronic filing system such as the system mandated in civil courts will ensure savings and reduce paperwork. H.B. 2499 seeks to address this issue by revising provisions relating to the filing of bail bonds in certain counties.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

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. 2499 amends the Code of Criminal Procedure to authorize a bail bond to be filed electronically with the court, judge, magistrate, or other officer taking the bond.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2016.