

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.S.B. 291  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

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

This legislation grants jurisdiction to the Tarrant County courts at law to hear civil appeals of municipal court judgments. Currently, there is no venue for appeals of civil municipal court judgments in Tarrant County.

C.S.S.B. 291 amends current law relating to the jurisdiction of a county court at law in Tarrant 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 25.2222(a), Government Code, as follows:

(a) Provides that a county court at law in Tarrant County has jurisdiction over all civil matter and causes, original and appellate, prescribed by law for county courts. Provides that the County Court at Law No. 1 of Tarrant County also has jurisdiction over all criminal matters and causes, original and appellate, prescribed by law for county courts. Provides that the County Courts at Law Nos. 2 and 3 of Tarrant County do not have criminal jurisdiction. Provides that notwithstanding any other provision, a county court at law in Tarrant County has jurisdiction on any appeal from a municipal court of record in Tarrant county that is not an appeal of a criminal law case or proceeding.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2015.