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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 3321 |
| By: Frank |
| Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  Interested parties contend that the judicial process through which protective orders are handled in Baylor, Cottle, King, and Knox Counties is not conducive to the safety and well-being of those seeking such an order, as they sometimes face bureaucratic delay in obtaining the order.  H.B. 3321 seeks to streamline the process for obtaining a protective order in these counties by granting the county courts of these counties jurisdiction over cases and proceedings involving protective orders. |
| **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. 3321 amends the Government Code to grant the county courts of Baylor, Cottle, King, and Knox Counties jurisdiction over cases and proceedings involving protective orders. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2017. |