

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 4147  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties contend that clarity in state law is needed to ensure that the county court in a county that does not have certain courts has jurisdiction of any appeal from a judgment or conviction in a municipal court of record located in that county so that parties always have a forum in which to appeal such judgments and convictions. H.B. 4147 seeks to provide this clarification.

### **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. 4147 amends the Government Code to clarify that a county court has jurisdiction of any appeal from a judgment or conviction in a municipal court of record located in that county if the county does not have a county criminal court, county criminal court of appeal, municipal court of appeal, or county court at law.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2017.