**BILL ANALYSIS**

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

It has been noted that certain statutory county courts in Tarrant County lack jurisdiction over criminal proceedings. H.B. 3642 seeks to amend the law relating to the jurisdiction of county courts at law in Tarrant County. (Original Author's/Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

C.S.H.B. 3642 amends current law  relating to the jurisdiction of county courts 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 Count has jurisdiction over all causes and proceedings, civil and criminal, original and appellate, prescribed by law for county courts, rather than providing that a county court at law in Tarrant County has jurisdiction over all civil matters and causes, original and appellate, prescribed by law for county courts. Deletes existing text providing 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 and that the County Courts at Law Nos. 2 and 3 of Tarrant County do not have criminal jurisdiction.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.