

2nd Sub. H.B. 366
Judicial Modifications

Senate Amendments

Amendment 1

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Senator **Brady Brammer** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Line 1025:*

- 1025 (b) The existence of divisions within the court may not:
- 1026 [~~(a)~~](i) affect the jurisdiction of the court nor the validity of court orders; or
- 1027 [~~(b)~~](ii) impede public access to the courts.
- 1028 (5) (a) (i) {For} **Except as provided in Subsection (5)(b), for** management of municipal
- cases, the presiding judge of each judicial district
- 1029 shall:
- 1030 {(f)} **(A)** assign at least one judge to hear a municipality's municipal cases;
- 1031 {(ii)} **(B)** ensure that the number of judges assigned to hear a municipality's **municipal** cases
- does not
- 1032 exceed one judge for every 500 municipal cases that the municipality files,
- 1033 appeals, or transfers in the calendar year; and
- 1034 {(iii)} **(C)** except as provided in Subsection {(5)(e)} **(5)(a)(iii)**, ensure that each municipal case
- is heard
- 1035 in the closest possible location to the municipality.
- 1036 {(b)} **(ii)** The location described in Subsection {(5)(a)(iii)} **(5)(a)(i)(C)** shall be measured by
- driving distance
- 1037 to the municipality's principal office.
- 1038 {(e)} **(iii)** A municipal case may be heard in a location other than the location described in
- 1039 Subsection {(5)(a)(iii)} **(5)(a)(i)(C)** if the presiding judge finds good cause for the municipal case
- to
- 1040 be heard in a different location.
- (b) The requirements described in Subsection (5)(a) do not apply to the management of a**
- municipality's municipal cases if the municipality and the presiding of judge of the judicial**
- district enter into a memorandum of understanding that specifies a different arrangement for**
- managing the municipality's municipal cases.**