

HB 678 -- COURTHOUSES

SPONSOR: Eggleston

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill provides that in any courthouse that contains both a county office and a courtroom, the presiding circuit, associate, or municipal judge may establish rules for courtrooms, jury rooms, and chambers or offices of the court, but the county commission shall have authority over all other areas of the courthouse.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill is needed to stop disagreements that lead to ill-will, and is a good compromise.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Eggleston; Chet Owen; and Kyle Carroll.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.