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H.B. No. 2176

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition and duties of a court security committee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 74.092(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A local administrative judge, for the courts for which the judge serves as local administrative judge, shall:

(1) implement and execute the local rules of administration, including the assignment, docketing, transfer, and hearing of cases;

(2) appoint any special or standing committees necessary or desirable for court management and administration;

(3) promulgate local rules of administration if the other judges do not act by a majority vote;

(4) recommend to the regional presiding judge any needs for assignment from outside the county to dispose of court caseloads;

(5) supervise the expeditious movement of court caseloads, subject to local, regional, and state rules of administration;

(6) provide the supreme court and the office of court administration requested statistical and management information;

(7) set the hours and places for holding court in the

1 county;

2 (8) supervise the employment and performance of  
3 nonjudicial personnel;

4 (9) supervise the budget and fiscal matters of the  
5 local courts, subject to local rules of administration;

6 (10) coordinate and cooperate with any other local  
7 administrative judge in the district in the assignment of cases in  
8 the courts' concurrent jurisdiction for the efficient operation of  
9 the court system and the effective administration of justice;

10 (11) if requested by the courts the judge serves,  
11 establish and maintain the lists required by Section 37.003 and  
12 ensure appointments are made from the lists in accordance with  
13 Section 37.004;

14 (12) perform other duties as may be directed by the  
15 chief justice or a regional presiding judge; and

16 (13) establish a court security committee to adopt  
17 security policies and procedures for the courts served by the local  
18 administrative district judge that is composed of:

19 (A) the local administrative district judge, or  
20 the judge's designee, who serves as presiding officer of the  
21 committee;

22 (B) a representative of the sheriff's office;

23 (C) a representative of each constable's office  
24 in the county;

25 (D) a representative of the county commissioners  
26 court;

27 (E) ~~[(D)]~~ one judge of each type of court in the

1 county other than a municipal court or a municipal court of record;  
2 (F) a justice of the peace who serves the county;  
3 (G) [~~(F)~~] a representative of any county  
4 attorney's office, district attorney's office, or criminal district  
5 attorney's office that serves in the applicable courts; and  
6 (H) [~~(F)~~] any other person the committee  
7 determines necessary to assist the committee.

8 SECTION 2. Section 74.092(b), Government Code, is  
9 redesignated as Section 74.0922, Government Code, and amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 Sec. 74.0922. DUTIES OF COURT SECURITY COMMITTEE. [~~(b)~~] A  
12 court security committee established under Section 74.092(a)(13)  
13 shall meet at least once annually to develop and submit  
14 recommendations [~~may recommend~~] to the county commissioners court  
15 on the uses of resources and expenditures of money for courthouse  
16 security, including recommendations on the allocation of any county  
17 court security budget, but may not direct the assignment of those  
18 resources or the expenditure of those funds.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.