

AN ACT

relating to the Eighth, Ninth, and Eleventh courts of appeals districts.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 22.201(i) and (l), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(i) The Eighth Court of Appeals District is composed of the counties of Andrews, Brewster, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, ~~Ector,~~ El Paso, ~~Gaines, Glasscock,~~ Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Loving, ~~Martin, Midland,~~ Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Ward, and Winkler.

(l) The Eleventh Court of Appeals District is composed of the counties of Baylor, Borden, Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Dawson, Eastland, Ector, Erath, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Knox, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, and Throckmorton.

SECTION 2. Section 22.216(h), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(h) The Court of Appeals for the Eighth Court of Appeals District consists of a chief justice and two ~~three~~ justices.

SECTION 3. Section 22.216(i), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(i) The Court of Appeals for the Ninth Court of Appeals

1 District consists of a chief justice and three [~~two~~] justices.

2 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding Section 22.216(h), Government  
3 Code, as amended by this Act, the Eighth Court of Appeals consists  
4 of a chief justice and three justices until a vacancy occurs or the  
5 term of a justice expires, whichever occurs first. Section  
6 22.216(h), Government Code, as amended by this Act, does not affect  
7 the office of a justice of the Eighth Court of Appeals serving on  
8 September 1, 2003, and the justice, unless otherwise removed,  
9 continues to serve for the term to which the justice was elected.

10 SECTION 5. This Act does not affect the jurisdiction on  
11 appeal of any case from a county that is transferred by this Act to a  
12 different court of appeals district if the notice of appeal for the  
13 case was filed before the effective date of this Act in the  
14 appropriate court of appeals district.

15 SECTION 6. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this  
16 section, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

17 (b) Section 3 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2005.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2261 was passed by the House on April 30, 2003, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2261 on May 29, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2261 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 27, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor