

1-1 By: West (Senate Sponsor - Bivins) H.B. No. 2261  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2003;  
1-3 May 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
1-4 Affairs; May 23, 2003, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 1;  
1-6 May 23, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2261 By: Ratliff

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the Eighth, Ninth, and Eleventh courts of appeals  
1-11 districts.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Sections 22.201(i) and (l), Government Code, are  
1-14 amended to read as follows:

1-15 (i) The Eighth Court of Appeals District is composed of the  
1-16 counties of Andrews, Brewster, Crane, Crockett, Culberson,  
1-17 [~~Ector~~] El Paso, [~~Gaines, Glasscock~~] Hudspeth, Jeff Davis,  
1-18 Loving, [~~Martin, Midland~~] Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves,  
1-19 Terrell, Upton, Ward, and Winkler.

1-20 (l) The Eleventh Court of Appeals District is composed of  
1-21 the counties of Baylor, Borden, Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche,  
1-22 Dawson, Eastland, Ector, Erath, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock,  
1-23 Haskell, Howard, Jones, Knox, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan,  
1-24 Palo Pinto, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, and  
1-25 Throckmorton.

1-26 SECTION 2. Section 22.216(h), Government Code, is amended  
1-27 to read as follows:

1-28 (h) The Court of Appeals for the Eighth Court of Appeals  
1-29 District consists of a chief justice and two [~~three~~] justices.

1-30 SECTION 3. Section 22.216(i), Government Code, is amended  
1-31 to read as follows:

1-32 (i) The Court of Appeals for the Ninth Court of Appeals  
1-33 District consists of a chief justice and three [~~two~~] justices.

1-34 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding Section 22.216(h), Government  
1-35 Code, as amended by this Act, the Eighth Court of Appeals consists  
1-36 of a chief justice and three justices until a vacancy occurs or the  
1-37 term of a justice expires, whichever occurs first. Section  
1-38 22.216(h), Government Code, as amended by this Act, does not affect  
1-39 the office of a justice of the Eighth Court of Appeals serving on  
1-40 September 1, 2003, and the justice, unless otherwise removed,  
1-41 continues to serve for the term to which the justice was elected.

1-42 SECTION 5. This Act does not affect the jurisdiction on  
1-43 appeal of any case from a county that is transferred by this Act to a  
1-44 different court of appeals district if the notice of appeal for the  
1-45 case was filed before the effective date of this Act in the  
1-46 appropriate court of appeals district.

1-47 SECTION 6. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this  
1-48 section, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

1-49 (b) Section 3 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2005.

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