

1-1 By: Williams, Staples, Janek S.B. No. 449
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 11, 2003; February 17, 2003,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;
1-4 May 16, 2003, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 16, 2003,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 449 By: Averitt

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

1-10 relating to the number of justices for the eighth and ninth courts
1-11 of appeals districts.

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

1-13 SECTION 1. Subsection (h), Section 22.216, Government Code,
1-14 is amended to read as follows:

1-15 (h) The Court of Appeals for the Eighth Court of Appeals
1-16 District consists of a chief justice and two [~~three~~] justices.

1-17 SECTION 2. Subsection (i), Section 22.216, Government Code,
1-18 is amended to read as follows:

1-19 (i) The Court of Appeals for the Ninth Court of Appeals
1-20 District consists of a chief justice and three [~~two~~] justices.

1-21 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding Subsection (h), Section 22.216,
1-22 Government Code, as amended by this Act, the Eighth Court of Appeals
1-23 consists of a chief justice and three justices until a vacancy
1-24 occurs or the term of a justice expires, whichever occurs first.
1-25 Subsection (h), Section 22.216, Government Code, as amended by this
1-26 Act, does not affect the office of a justice of the Eighth Court of
1-27 Appeals serving on September 1, 2003, and the justice, unless
1-28 otherwise removed, continues to serve for the term to which the
1-29 justice was elected.

1-30 SECTION 4. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of
1-31 this section, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

1-32 (b) Section 2 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2005.

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