

By: Crabb (Senate Sponsor - Wentworth) H.B. No. 1077
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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1077 By: Wentworth

AN ACT
A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

relating to the composition of certain courts of appeals districts
and to the assignment and transfer of cases in certain courts of
appeals districts.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 22.201(b), (f), (j), (k), (m), and (o),
Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) The First Court of Appeals District is composed of the
counties of Austin, Brazoria, ~~Burleson~~, Chambers, Colorado, Fort
Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Harris, ~~Trinity, Walker~~, Waller, and
Washington.

(f) The Fifth Court of Appeals District is composed of the
counties of Collin, Dallas, Grayson, Hunt, Kaufman, and Rockwall ~~and Van Zandt~~.

(j) The Ninth Court of Appeals District is composed of the
counties of ~~Angelina~~, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty,
Montgomery, Newton, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, and Tyler.

(k) The Tenth Court of Appeals District is composed of the
counties of Bosque, Burleson, Brazos, Coryell, Ellis, Falls,
Freestone, Hamilton, Hill, Johnson, Leon, Limestone, Madison,
McLennan, Navarro, Robertson, ~~and~~ Somervell, and Walker.

(m) The Twelfth Court of Appeals District is composed of the
counties of Anderson, Angelina, Cherokee, Gregg, Henderson,
~~Hopkins~~, Houston, ~~Kaufman~~, Nacogdoches, ~~Panola~~, Rains, Rusk,
Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Smith, Trinity, Upshur, Van Zandt,
and Wood.

(o) The Fourteenth Court of Appeals District is composed of
the counties of Austin, Brazoria, ~~Burleson~~, Chambers, Colorado,
Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Harris, ~~Trinity, Walker~~, Waller,
and Washington.

SECTION 2. Sections 22.207(c) and 22.213(d), Government
Code, are repealed.

SECTION 3. (a) Burleson, Trinity, and Walker Counties:

(1) may not impose a fee under Section 22.2021(b),
Government Code, for cases filed on or after the effective date of
this Act; and

(2) as soon as practicable after the effective date of
this Act, shall transfer the money collected under that section to
the First and Fourteenth Courts of Appeals.

(b) Van Zandt County:

(1) may not impose a fee under Section 22.2061(b),
Government Code, for cases filed on or after the effective date of
this Act; and

(2) as soon as practicable after the effective date of
this Act, shall transfer the money collected under that section to
the Fifth Court of Appeals.

(c) Burleson, Trinity, and Walker Counties shall reimburse
Harris County, as required under Section 22.202(c), Government
Code, for the costs incurred by Harris County from March 1, 2005,
until the effective date of this Act to support the First and
Fourteenth Courts of Appeals Districts.

SECTION 4. This Act does not affect the jurisdiction on
appeal of any case from a county that is transferred by this Act to a
different court of appeals district if the notice of appeal for the
case was filed before September 1, 2005.

2-1 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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