

1-1 By: Hartnett
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Watson) H.B. No. 368
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 19, 2007;
1-4 April 3, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-5 Jurisprudence; April 19, 2007, reported favorably by the following
1-6 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 19, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to disposition of surplus computer equipment and the grant
1-10 of money by the Office of Court Administration.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 72.021, Government Code, is amended by
1-13 adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

1-14 (c) The office may award a grant of money to a local or state
1-15 governmental entity in the judicial branch of local or state
1-16 government to fund programs that:

1-17 (1) are approved by the Judicial Committee on
1-18 Information Technology under Chapter 77; and

1-19 (2) provide technological support for the judiciary.

1-20 (d) At the end of each fiscal year, the office shall file
1-21 with the Legislative Budget Board a report on the amount,
1-22 recipient, and purpose for each grant awarded under Subsection (c).
1-23 All money expended under a grant awarded under Subsection (c) is
1-24 subject to audit by the comptroller and the state auditor.

1-25 SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 2175, Government Code, is
1-26 amended by adding Section 2175.307 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 2175.307. EXCEPTION FOR OFFICE OF COURT
1-28 ADMINISTRATION. This chapter does not apply to the disposition of
1-29 surplus computer equipment by the Office of Court Administration of
1-30 the Texas Judicial System. The office shall give preference to
1-31 transferring the equipment to a local or state governmental entity
1-32 in the judicial branch of local or state government.

1-33 SECTION 3. Section 77.032, Government Code, is repealed.

1-34 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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