

Amend SB 1045 on third reading by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Subchapter C, Chapter 22, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 22.2152 to read as follows:

Sec. 22.2152. ADMINISTRATIVE ATTACHMENT OF FIFTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS TO OFFICE; PERSONNEL; REPORT. (a) In this section, "office" means the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System.

(b) The Court of Appeals for the Fifteenth Court of Appeals District is administratively attached to the office.

(c) The office shall provide administrative support to the Fifteenth Court of Appeals as necessary to enable the court to carry out its duties under this subchapter.

(d) The office may employ personnel necessary to provide administrative support to the Fifteenth Court of Appeals under this subchapter. All personnel employed under this subsection are employees of the office and state employees for all purposes, including accrual of leave time, insurance benefits, and retirement benefits and travel regulations.

(e) Only the Fifteenth Court of Appeals may exercise the duties of the court under this subchapter. Except as otherwise provided by this section, the office does not have any authority or responsibility related to the duties of the court under this subchapter.

(f) Not later than December 1 of each year, the office shall submit to the legislature a report on the number and types of cases heard by the Fifteenth Court of Appeals in the preceding state fiscal year.