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Submitted to the Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence
For HB 16

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The 89th legislative special session (2)'s Court Omnibus bill (H.B. 16: Section 9.13) says the following:

- (a) Section 22.220, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:
(e) A party may not file a notice of appeal in a civil case requesting assignment of the appeal to the Court of Appeals for the Fifteenth Court of Appeals District unless the notice includes a matter arising out of or related to the case that is within the court's exclusive intermediate appellate jurisdiction.

We at TexasBarSunset.com propose the following supplemental amendment for Section 22.220 of Texas' Government Code:

- (f) The 15th Court of Appeals and the corresponding one of fourteen regional Texas appellate courts shall have concurrent jurisdiction over matters against the State Bar of Texas of the judiciary branch of state government, such as attorney discipline pursuant to Chapter 81 of the Texas Government Code. The appellant gets to select the forum.

OR ALTERNATIVELY:

- (f) The 15th Court of Appeals shall have jurisdiction over matters against the state including in the judiciary branch of government such as attorney discipline pursuant to Chapter 81 of the Texas Government Code.

ADDITIONALLY, after either version of (f):

- (g) An appeal commenced before September 1, 2024, that is otherwise within the jurisdiction of the 15th Court of Appeals may be transferred to and heard by that court, upon the moving appellant's receipt of permission by that court, a denial of which shall be timely and conspicuously explained in writing and subject to appeal.

We explain the reasons more thoroughly at:

<http://www.TexasBarSunset.com/15>

while also submitting merely some of that content in this post (due to space limitations):

1) The 15th Court of Appeals generates statewide rules interpretations, has a statewide electorate overseeing it, and specializes in matters against the state. Unfortunately the other fourteen state appellate courts here in Texas have generated at times contradictory interpretations of the Texas Bar's rules of professional conduct, aka its (vague and even self-contradictory) "ethics" rules.

2) As a general resource, here is the website for the 15th Court of Appeals:

<https://www.txcourts.gov/15thcoa>

3) SECTION 9.12. (a) Section 22.220, Government Code currently says, in part:

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/GV/htm/GV.22.htm>

Sec. 22.220. CIVIL JURISDICTION.

(d) The Court of Appeals for the Fifteenth Court of Appeals District has exclusive intermediate appellate jurisdiction over the following matters arising out of or related to a civil case:

(1) matters brought by or against the state or...

-The 15th Court of Appeals nevertheless recently ruled on May 6th, 2025 that Appellant (& Attorney) Edward Turnbull's case vs. the Texas Bar isn't within the exclusive jurisdiction of the court, (apparently) because his case is not against the executive branch. For more info:

<http://www.TexasBarSunset.com/15>

Henry Gutierrez

Self

Baytown, TX

Inside this product in the wrong hand, it's not good, but if you really take care of yourself and use it to get better sleep and help pains that arthritis has put on in older days. It really helps out a lot in a lot cheaper than over-the-counter medicine.

Ira Jackson

Myself

Mesquite, TX

No these are comments on SB6.

I am a Texan born and raised. I am a Texas veteran and do not like or agree with the direction that the political scene has taken. I disagree with any bill that limits access to hemp based products. I personally think it all should be legalized up to full Marijuana products. It is a booming industry in other states. Products using hemp to me is safer than alcohol and should not be limited. Then you have cigarettes, what a mess. Too bad the companies in these industries have too many lobbyists giving money to whom they should not be allowed for protection of their industry. It would bring more jobs for Texans and provide money in taxes to fix the roads and other infrastructure here. Things that the lottery was supposed to do.

So change your ways or plan on being voted out in the future. We do not need representation that is not for all Texans. Even those that were not born and raised here. Which includes some of you. So either do better things for Texas or move somewhere else.

This type of politics is not needed here for real Texans.

james tolder

Self retired

Houston, TX

I'm writing in regards to the bill HB42 there are a lot of people here in Texas who wants this bill to pass it helps me with the ailment that i have it's a God send if i can't get my cannibass legally like this then you forcing people to get it off the streets which is a crime so listen to the people that put you in office it's really a know brainer help us to keep this in Texas

Angela Davis

Self employed

Lubbock, TX

Please vote no to SB6 veterans and I depend on it for pain just to get through the day people will there jobs it helps farmers to ends meat help pay bills and their debt s and medical bills rent mortgage s farmers will property taxes some will have to go out of business for good and that's ashamed . so please vote no to SB6.

Diego Martinez

ProTextMobility

El Paso, TX

Weed is good and is more of pacifier, and high when their is lows, whilst beer does more damage its still available and has killed people, a blunt will put you to sleep, a beer well, that might put you to sleep for a long time.

Jamey Caruthers, Mr.

Coalition for the Homeless, Houston/Harris County

Houston, TX

Dear Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence Committee Chair and Members:

I am writing on behalf of Coalition for the Homeless (CFTH) to respectfully request that the Committee make no amendments that would undo or otherwise obviate a specific change made to Emergency Detention last session through SB 1164 that added language around "mental or physical deterioration" to the Emergency Detainer and related statutes. At present, neither HB 16 nor SB 17 undoes this change, and currently we have no issue with the language. However, in an abundance of caution, we would like to bring this to the Committee's attention. The full provision we must preserve is: "experiencing substantial mental or physical deterioration of the proposed patient 's ability to function independently, which is exhibited by the proposed patient 's inability, except for reasons of indigence, to provide for the proposed patient 's basic needs, including food, clothing, health, or safety."

This provision is crucial in order for Emergency Detainer to be used to compassionately compel severely mentally-ill homeless into care and treatment and to provide local governments with an alternative to allowing them to suffer on the streets. Prior to this change enacted by SB 1164, it was necessary for law enforcement to show show "substantial risk of harm" coupled with immediacy, which would leave many severely mentally ill homeless on the streets and at risk because the person must be a clear immediate danger to themselves or others. Thanks to the changes made via SB 1164, law enforcement can take temporary custody of a person who is mentally ill and who demonstrates severe emotional distress and mental deterioration. Again, CFTH respectfully requests that the Committee not make any amendments to HB 16 that would alter or weaken the foregoing language.

Thank you,

Very truly yours,

Jamey Caruthers

Jackson Gallagher

Veto sb5

Fort Worth, TX

Veto sb 3 and 5 and legalize the good herd and if y'all legalize vapes then can nic FDA vapes have flavors return please

Rosemary DiPalma

Self, Retired

Granbury, TX

When Donald Trump called Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger and told him to find 12,000 votes, Raffensperger, a man of integrity, refused. When Trump called Abbott, a man with no character or integrity (rare in today's Republican prty), and said to him he was "entitled" to five extra seats, Abbott couldn't wait to kneel and serve, no matter how loathsome it required he be.