

Amend **CSSB 1** (house committee report) in Article IV of the bill, following the appropriations to the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council (page IV-25), by adding the following appropriately numbered rider:

_____. Report on Remote Court Proceedings. Out of funds appropriated to the Office of Court Administration above or otherwise available for the purpose, the office shall conduct a study evaluating the use of remote proceedings in Texas courts. Not later than September 1, 2026, the office shall prepare and submit to the legislature a report on the results of the study conducted under this rider and any recommendations for legislative or other action. The study must evaluate and the report must include information regarding:

- (1) challenges created by inequitable access to technology;
- (2) regional disparities in the use of remote proceedings; and
- (3) the impact of remote proceedings on:
 - (A) self-represented litigants;
 - (B) the accessibility of court proceedings by participants in the proceedings;
 - (C) case processing times; and
 - (D) judicial efficiency.