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H.B. No. 2176

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the composition and duties of a court security committee.

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

SECTION 1. Article 102.017, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:

(e-1) In administering or directing funds under Subsection (e), a commissioners court shall consider the recommendations provided by a court security committee under Section 74.0922, Government Code.

SECTION 2. Section 74.092, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) A local administrative judge, for the courts for which the judge serves as local administrative judge, shall:

(1) implement and execute the local rules of administration, including the assignment, docketing, transfer, and hearing of cases;

(2) appoint any special or standing committees necessary or desirable for court management and administration;

(3) promulgate local rules of administration if the other judges do not act by a majority vote;

(4) recommend to the regional presiding judge any needs for assignment from outside the county to dispose of court

1 caseloads;

2 (5) supervise the expeditious movement of court
3 caseloads, subject to local, regional, and state rules of
4 administration;

5 (6) provide the supreme court and the office of court
6 administration requested statistical and management information;

7 (7) set the hours and places for holding court in the
8 county;

9 (8) supervise the employment and performance of
10 nonjudicial personnel;

11 (9) supervise the budget and fiscal matters of the
12 local courts, subject to local rules of administration;

13 (10) coordinate and cooperate with any other local
14 administrative judge in the district in the assignment of cases in
15 the courts' concurrent jurisdiction for the efficient operation of
16 the court system and the effective administration of justice;

17 (11) if requested by the courts the judge serves,
18 establish and maintain the lists required by Section 37.003 and
19 ensure appointments are made from the lists in accordance with
20 Section 37.004;

21 (12) perform other duties as may be directed by the
22 chief justice or a regional presiding judge; and

23 (13) establish a court security committee to adopt
24 security policies and procedures for all ~~the~~ courts served by the
25 local administrative district judge that is composed of:

26 (A) the local administrative district judge, or
27 the judge's designee, who serves as presiding officer of the

1 committee;

2 (B) a representative of the sheriff's office;

3 (C) a representative of a constable's office in
4 the county;

5 (D) a representative of the county commissioners
6 court;

7 (E) ~~[(D)]~~ one judge of each type of court in the
8 county, including a justice of the peace and excluding the judge of
9 [other than] a municipal court or a municipal court of record;

10 (F) ~~[(E)]~~ a representative of any county
11 attorney's office, district attorney's office, or criminal district
12 attorney's office that serves in the applicable courts; and

13 (G) ~~[(F)]~~ any other person the committee
14 determines necessary to assist the committee.

15 (a-1) Notwithstanding Section 551.001 or 552.003, a court
16 security committee established under this section is not a
17 governmental body for the purposes of Chapter 551 or 552.

18 SECTION 3. Section 74.092(b), Government Code, is
19 redesignated as Section 74.0922, Government Code, and amended to
20 read as follows:

21 Sec. 74.0922. DUTIES OF COURT SECURITY COMMITTEE. ~~[(b)]~~ A
22 court security committee established under Section 74.092(a)(13)
23 shall meet at least once annually and may develop and submit
24 recommendations ~~[recommend]~~ to the county commissioners court on
25 the uses of resources and expenditures of money for courthouse
26 security, but may not direct the assignment of those resources or
27 the expenditure of those funds.

1 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.