

**Senate Finance Committee
Riders - Article IV**

Adopted

March 24, 2021

Legislative Budget Board

By: Huffman

Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council
Proposed Rider
Contingency for SB 11

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/20/2021

Overview

The proposed new rider would appropriate \$ ____ from ____ to the Office of Court Administration for the 2022-23 biennium the purpose of implementing the provisions of SB 11, or similar legislation relating to the composition of the courts of appeals districts, by the Eighty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, contingent upon enactment of the legislation.

Required Action

On page IV-32 of the bill pattern for the Office of Court Administration in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

____. **Contingency for SB 11.** Contingent on enactment of SB 11, or similar legislation relating to the composition of the courts of appeals districts, by the Eighty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, the Office of Court Administration is appropriated \$ ____ in fiscal year 2022 and \$ ____ in fiscal year 2023 from ____ for the purpose of modifying appellate courts structure to implement the provision of the legislation.

By: Huffman

Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council
Proposed Rider
Contingency for SB 21

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/11/2021

Overview

Add a new rider in the bill pattern of the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council to appropriate \$ _____ from _____ for the purposes of implementing the provisions of SB 21, contingent upon its enactment.

Required Action

On page IV-32 of the bill pattern for the Office of Court Administration, add the following new rider:

_____. **Contingency for SB 21.** Contingent on enactment of SB 21, or similar legislation relating to rules for fixing the amount of bail, to the release of certain defendants on a bail bond or personal bond, to related duties of a magistrate in a criminal case, to the reporting of information pertaining to bail bonds, and to the regulation of charitable bail organizations, by the Eighty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, the Office of Court Administration is appropriated \$ _____ for fiscal year _____ from _____ to implement the provisions of the legislation.

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By Whitmire

Supreme Court of Texas
Basic Civil Legal Services for Veterans and COVID-19 Impacts

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that directs \$8,000,000 for Basic Civil Legal Services, including Legal Services for Veterans. Due to COVID-19, Legal needs of Texans have exponentially grown related to eviction/foreclosure, health and public benefits, utility shut-offs, repossessions, domestic violence, and child/elder abuse. Veterans needs include child support, evictions, creditworthiness, VA disability and discharge upgrades. This funding will improve online digital access to legal information, intake, and actual services.

Required Action

On IV-3 of The Supreme Court of Texas bill pattern, add the following new rider:

____. Basic Civil Legal Services for Veterans and COVID-19 Impacts.

From funds appropriated above in Strategy B.1.1, contingent upon receipt of revenue from the federal government, the amount of \$8,000,000 is appropriated to the Supreme Court of Texas for the state fiscal biennium ending 8/31/23 in the amount of \$4,000,000/year (\$3,000,000/year for Basic Civil Legal Services and \$1,000,000/year allocated only for Legal Services for Veterans.)

By Sen. Creighton

Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council
Reporting Requirements

Overview

The following action adds a new rider that requires monthly reporting of disputes between tenants and landlords.

Required Action

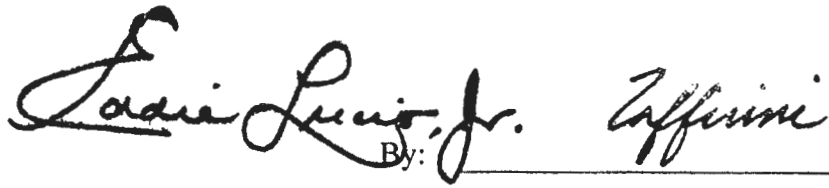
On page IV-28 of Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council's bill pattern, add the following new rider:

4. Reporting Requirements

(c) Justice Court Performance Measures

(1) Out of amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, the Office of Court Administration shall report data from the justice courts on a countywide basis that measures for each justice court: the total number of eviction cases filed, the number of eviction cases solely on the basis of non-payment, the number of eviction cases diverted to the Texas Eviction Diversion Program administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, and the final judgement issued in each case.

(2) The Office of Court Administration shall work jointly with the Supreme Court of Texas to ensure that justice courts maintain judicial consistency with all cases within their jurisdiction, including eviction cases. When a justice court is presented with an eviction petition, it is the intent of the Legislature that the court proceed with the case in accordance with state statute and the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. If the Office of Court Administration has information or knowledge that a justice of the peace is refusing to comply with state law or the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, noncompliance may be reported to the Office of Court Administration and the Office of Court Administration shall establish rules for further action relating to such noncompliance.


By: _____

Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council
Proposed Rider
Contingency for SB 691

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/10/2021

Overview

The proposed rider and funding would appropriate \$216,626 in fiscal year 2022 and \$212,702 in fiscal year 2023 from General Revenue to the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council for the purposes of implementing the provisions of SB 691, contingent upon its enactment.

Required Action

On page IV-32 of the bill pattern for the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, add the following new rider:

- _____. **Contingency for SB 691.** Contingent on enactment of SB 691, or similar legislation relating to associate judges for guardianship proceedings and protective services proceedings in certain courts, by the Eighty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, the Office of Court Administration is appropriated \$216,626 for fiscal year 2022 and \$212,702 in fiscal year 2023 from General Revenue to implement the provisions of the legislation.

Louis L. Lewis, Jr.

By: _____

Zaffrini

Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council

Proposed Rider

Contingency for SB 960

Prepared by LBB Staff, 03/10/2021

Overview

The proposed rider and funding would appropriate \$120,000 each year from General Revenue and 2.0 FTEs each year of the 2022-23 biennium to the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council for the purposes of implementing the provisions of SB 960, contingent upon its enactment.

Required Action

On page IV-31 of the bill pattern for the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, add the following new rider:

- _____. **Contingency for SB 960.** Contingent on enactment of SB 960, or similar legislation relating to implementing a pilot program under which the office will assist one or more counties that elect to participate in the program to establish public guardians, by the Eighty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, the Office of Court Administration is appropriated \$120,000 in General Revenue and 2.0 FTEs for fiscal year 2022 and \$120,000 in General Revenue and 2.0 FTEs for fiscal year 2023 to implement the provisions of the legislation. Funds appropriated for this purpose may pay for salaries.

Louis L. Jr. Zaffrini
By _____

***State Commission on Judicial Conduct
Contingency for SB 898***

Overview

The proposed rider and funding would appropriate \$60,000 each fiscal year to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct from General Revenue for the purposes of implementing the provisions of SB 898, contingent upon its enactment.

Required Action

On page IV-37 of the bill pattern for the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, add the following new rider:

- _____. **Contingency for SB 898.** Contingent on enactment of SB 898, or similar legislation relating to the procedures of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, by the Eighty-seventh Legislature, Regular Session, the State Commission on Judicial Conduct is appropriated \$60,000 from General Revenue and 1.0 FTE for fiscal year 2022 and \$60,000 from General Revenue and 1.0 FTE for fiscal year 2023 to implement the provisions of the legislation.