

**Issue Docket**

**Conference Committee on House Bill 1**

**2024-25 General Appropriations Bill**

**Article IV - Judiciary**

**As of May 15, 2023**

201 SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
	IV-1	IV-1		
<b>Cross-Agency Issues</b>				<p><b>1) Judicial Pay Raise for District Judge Salary Increase</b> House provides \$26,109,317 in General Revenue to increase estimated appropriations for all salaries that are determined based on a district judge's base salary amount as set by the General Appropriations Act. This increases a district judge base salary by 5.0 percent each fiscal year of the 2024-2025 biennium. The new district judge base salary would be \$147,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$154,350 in fiscal year 2025. The total estimated cost for this change would be \$36.8 million for the biennium for all Article IV entities, including End of Article and Retired Elected Class benefit costs of \$10.7 million.</p> <p><b>2) Similar Funding for Same Sized Courts</b> House provides \$13,990,460 in General Revenue and 11.0 FTEs to reflect funding recommendations made by the 2020 Similar Funding for Same Sized Courts budget model.</p>
			<b>SENATE</b>	
			<b>HOUSE</b>	
Schedule of Exempt Positions				
Chief Justice (1)	\$ 187,720	\$ 170,500		See Cross-Agency Issue 1
Justice (8)	\$ 185,220	\$ 168,000		See Cross-Agency Issue 1
A.1.2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	\$ 3,870,486	\$ 3,596,185	\$ 274,301	See Cross-Agency Issue 1
B.1.1 BASIC CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 80,268,784	\$ 76,568,784	\$ 3,700,000	House provides \$3,700,000 in General Revenue for the following: (1) \$2,700,000 to provide BCLS to young people in the child welfare system and those experiencing mental and physical health challenges in schools and communities; and
			<b>HOUSE PLUS \$1,000,000 IN GR</b>	

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
B.1.4 JUDICIAL COMMISSION ON MENTAL HLTH	\$ 2,700,000	\$ 2,500,000	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SENATE</b></p> \$ 200,000	<p>(2) \$1,000,000 to provide 250 kiosks in communities throughout the state to assist low-income Texans facing technological barriers with remote court proceedings.</p> <p>House provides \$200,000 in General Revenue for Children's Mental Health Funding for the following:</p> <p>(1) \$150,000 to 10-14 Youth Systems Sequential Intercept Model Mapping workshops which identify resources and opportunities for diversion from the criminal justice system for people with mental illness; and</p> <p>(2) \$50,000 to create an Innovations Map, a resource for legal stakeholders that would identify youth-focused mental health services in every county.</p>

**211 COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS**

<b>Item</b>	<b>House 2024-25</b>	<b>Senate 2024-25</b>	<b>Biennial Difference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
	IV-3	IV-3		
Schedule of Exempt Positions				
Presiding Judge (1)	187,720	170,500		See Cross-Agency Issue 1
Judge (8)	185,220	168,000		See Cross-Agency Issue 1
<b>A.1.2 APPELLATE JUDGE SALARIES</b>	\$ 3,957,177	\$ 3,682,876	\$ 274,301	See Cross-Agency Issue 1
<b>B.1.1 JUDICIAL EDUCATION</b>	\$ 31,382,272	\$ 31,182,272	\$ 200,000	House provides \$200,000 in General Revenue for additional continuing legal education training for Public Defenders.
	\$ 31,282,272		<b>HOUSE LESS \$100,000 IN GR</b>	

**COA COURTS OF APPEALS**

<b>Item</b>	<b>House 2024-25</b>	<b>Senate 2024-25</b>	<b>Biennial Difference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
	IV-7	IV-7		
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	400.0	389.0		See Cross Agency Issues 2
Schedule of Exempt Positions				
Chief Justice (14)	\$ 172,285	\$ 158,736		See Cross Agency Issues 1
Justice (66)	\$ 169,785	\$ 155,400		See Cross Agency Issues 1
221 First Court of Appeals District, Houston				
A.1.1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 8,054,806	\$ 6,611,154	\$ 1,443,652	See Cross Agency Issues 2
A.1.2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	\$ 3,300,512	\$ 3,073,014	\$ 227,498	See Cross Agency Issues 1
222 Second Court of Appeals District, Fort				
A.1.1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 6,375,738	\$ 5,091,480	\$ 1,284,258	See Cross Agency Issues 2
A.1.2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	\$ 2,659,392	\$ 2,469,744	\$ 189,648	See Cross Agency Issues 1
223 Third Court of Appeals District, Austin				
A.1.1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 5,491,778	\$ 4,267,708	\$ 1,224,070	See Cross Agency Issues 2
A.1.2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	\$ 2,289,213	\$ 2,128,302	\$ 160,911	See Cross Agency Issues 1
224 Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antoni				
A.1.1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 6,357,737	\$ 5,089,355	\$ 1,268,382	See Cross Agency Issues 2
A.1.2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	\$ 2,705,087	\$ 2,505,861	\$ 199,226	See Cross Agency Issues 1
225 Fifth Court of Appeals District, Dallas				
A.1.1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 11,421,293	\$ 8,958,399	\$ 2,462,894	See Cross Agency Issues 2
A.1.2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	\$ 4,753,323	\$ 4,398,440	\$ 354,883	See Cross Agency Issues 1
226 Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana				
A.1.1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 2,837,862	\$ 2,372,372	\$ 465,490	See Cross Agency Issues 2
A.1.2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	\$ 1,175,655	\$ 1,100,992	\$ 74,663	See Cross Agency Issues 1
227 Seventh Court of Appeals District, Amarillo				
A.1.1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 3,555,833	\$ 2,880,293	\$ 675,540	See Cross Agency Issues 2

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A.1.2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	\$ 1,580,121	\$ 1,474,288	\$ 105,833	See Cross Agency Issues 1
228 Eighth Court of Appeals District, El Paso				
A.1.1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 2,841,863	\$ 2,381,931	\$ 459,932	See Cross Agency Issues 2
A.1.2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	\$ 1,112,115	\$ 1,032,624	\$ 79,491	See Cross Agency Issues 1
229 Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont				
A.1.1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 3,593,652	\$ 2,936,414	\$ 657,238	See Cross Agency Issues 2
A.1.2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	\$ 1,514,626	\$ 1,409,260	\$ 105,366	See Cross Agency Issues 1
230 Tenth Court of Appeals District, Waco				
A.1.1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 2,839,861	\$ 2,373,659	\$ 466,202	See Cross Agency Issues 2
A.1.2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	\$ 1,268,363	\$ 1,181,688	\$ 86,675	See Cross Agency Issues 1
231 Eleventh Court of Appeals District, Eastland				
A.1.1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 2,845,862	\$ 2,419,538	\$ 426,324	See Cross Agency Issues 2
A.1.2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	\$ 1,156,308	\$ 1,074,422	\$ 81,886	See Cross Agency Issues 1
232 Twelfth Court of Appeals District, Tyler				
A.1.1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 2,837,862	\$ 2,377,004	\$ 460,858	See Cross Agency Issues 2
A.1.2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	\$ 1,249,575	\$ 1,162,900	\$ 86,675	See Cross Agency Issues 1
233 Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi-Edinburg				
A.1.1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 5,484,797	\$ 4,221,225	\$ 1,263,572	See Cross Agency Issues 2
A.1.2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	\$ 2,363,003	\$ 2,202,092	\$ 160,911	See Cross Agency Issues 1
234 Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston				
A.1.1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$ 8,302,492	\$ 6,870,444	\$ 1,432,048	See Cross Agency Issues 2
A.1.2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	\$ 3,470,550	\$ 3,225,824	\$ 244,726	See Cross Agency Issues 1

**Courts of Appeals  
Similar Funding for Same-Size Courts  
Allocation of Funding for 2024-25**

COA	Justices	Total SFSSC Request	Attorney Salaries	Non-attorney salaries	Employee Benefits (health and retirement contributions)	Other Operating Expenses	New FTEs
1	9	\$ 1,443,652	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 279,797	\$ 19,489	\$ 144,366	-
2	7	\$ 1,284,258	\$ 781,310	\$ 420,706	\$ 18,030	\$ 64,212	5.0*
3	6	\$ 1,224,070	\$ 848,000	\$ 357,885	\$ 18,185	\$ -	-
4	7	\$ 1,268,382	\$ 780,208	\$ 394,220	\$ 17,617	\$ 76,337	1.0
5	13	\$ 2,462,894	\$ 1,404,000	\$ 862,012	\$ 33,990	\$ 162,892	-
6	3	\$ 465,490	\$ 259,611	\$ 175,759	\$ 6,630	\$ 23,490	-
7	4	\$ 675,540	\$ 391,476	\$ 250,286	\$ 10,134	\$ 23,644	-
8	3	\$ 459,932	\$ 356,512	\$ 96,520	\$ 6,900	\$-	-
9	4	\$ 657,238	\$ 430,820	\$ 193,557	\$ 9,366	\$ 23,495	-
10	3	\$ 466,202	\$ 352,709	\$ 106,602	\$ 6,891	\$ -	2.0
11	3	\$ 426,324	\$ 264,555	\$ 155,374	\$ 6,395	\$-	-
12	3	\$ 460,858	\$ 340,495	\$ 106,642	\$ 6,809	\$ 6,912	-
13	6	\$ 1,263,572	\$ 933,464	\$ 311,155	\$ 18,953	\$ -	3.0*
14	9	\$ 1,432,048	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 268,349	\$ 19,333	\$ 144,366	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>\$ 13,990,460</b>	<b>\$ 9,143,160</b>	<b>\$ 3,978,864</b>	<b>\$ 198,722</b>	<b>\$ 669,714</b>	<b>11.0</b>

\* The numbers for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> COAs represent vacant staff positions compared to 2023 reported staffing levels that the courts indicate can't be funded in the 2024-25 biennium.

**212 OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION, TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

<b>Item</b>	<b>House 2024-25</b>	<b>Senate 2024-25</b>	<b>Biennial Difference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
	IV-23	IV-23		
<b>Cross-Strategy Issue</b>			<b>HOUSE</b>	<b>1) Childrens Court Lump-Sum Annual Leave Payouts</b> House provides \$300,000 in General Revenue for lump-sum annual leave payouts to judges and court coordinators at the childrens courts. See also House Rider 17, Lump Sum Annual Payout.
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	311.7	354.7		
	<b>355.7</b>		<b>HOUSE</b>	a. House provides 4.0 FTEs for Court Services Program.
			<b>HOUSE</b>	b. House provides 1.0 FTE for Child Support Courts information technology hardware and software licensing updates.
			<b>MOVE TO SPECIAL PROVISIONS- JUDICIARY AS AMENDED</b>	c. Senate provides 17.0 FTEs for Senate Bill 1045, or similar legislation, related to relating to the creation of the Fifteenth Court of Appeals with jurisdiction over certain civil cases, contingent upon enactment of the legislation.
			<b>SENATE</b>	d. Senate provides 1.0 FTE for Senate Bill 1318, or similar legislation, related to the release of defendants on bail, the duties of a magistrate in certain criminal proceedings, and the appointment of certain criminal law hearing officers; creating a criminal offense, contingent upon enactment of the legislation.
			<b>SENATE AS AMENDED WITH 43.0 FTES</b>	e. Senate provides 30.0 FTEs for Senate Bill 27, or similar legislation, related to the creation of a specialty trial court to hear certain cases; authorizing fees, contingent upon enactment of the legislation.
Schedule of Exempt Positions Associate Judge (73)	139,077	<b>126,000</b>		See Cross-Agency Issue 1
<b>A.1.1 COURT ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$ 19,176,757	\$ 38,091,399	\$ 18,914,642	



Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
	\$ 7,544,133			a. House provides General Revenue funding for agency Court Services program staff needs, including:
			HOUSE	(1) \$350,000 and 2.0 FTEs to provide technical assistance to specialty courts; and
			HOUSE	(2) \$308,000 and 2.0 FTEs to provide training on personal and courthouse security best practices.
			HOUSE WITH AMENDED RIDER LANGUAGE	b. House provides \$200,000 in General Revenue to conduct a study of the staff judicial workload of the district and statutory county courts in the state. See also House Rider 16, District court Workload Analysis.
			SENATE AS AMENDED REMOVING FUNDING AND FTES IN STRATEGY A.1.1, COURT ADMINISTRATION, AND PROVIDING \$7,933,794 IN GR AND 43.0 FTES IN NEW STRATEGY E.1.1, BUSINESS COURT OPERATIONS, IN NEW GOAL E, CONTINGENT ON ENACTMENT OF THE LEGISLATION	c. Senate provides \$10,683,944 in General Revenue and 30.0 FTEs for Senate Bill 27, to implement the provisions of the bill contingent upon enactment of the legislation. See also Senate Rider 13, Contingency for SB 27.
			SENATE AS AMENDED MOVING FUNDING AND FTES TO SPECIAL PROVISIONS - JUDICIARY	d. Senate provides \$6,230,246 in General Revenue and 17.0 FTEs for Senate Bill 1045, to implement the provisions of the bill contingent upon enactment of the legislation. See also Senate Rider 14, Contingency for SB 1045.

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			<b>SENATE AS AMENDED WITH \$206,224 AND 1.0 FTE IN STRATEGY A.1.1, COURT ADMINISTRATION, AND REALLOCATING \$2,600,000 IN GR TO STRATEGY A.1.2, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>	e. Senate provides \$2,858,452 in General Revenue and 1.0 FTE for Senate Bill 1318, to implement the provisions of the bill contingent upon enactment of the legislation. See also Senate Rider 15, Contingency for SB 1318.
A.1.2 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$ 72,536,742 <b>\$ 77,292,500</b>	\$ 67,720,433	\$ 4,816,309	a. House provides General Revenue funding for information technology costs, including:
			<b>HOUSE PLUS \$1,065,000 IN GR</b>  <b>HOUSE PLUS \$1,090,758 IN GR</b>	(1) \$1,065,000 for 2,500 licenses and subscription services for appellate courts and judicial branch agencies.  (2) \$1,090,758 to replace Information Technology equipment (including switches, routers, WiFi, and perimeter networking devices) nearing the manufacturer's end-of-life that provide networking services to the Article IV courts and agencies. The current system's switches and routers were last upgraded in 2011 and 2013.
			<b>HOUSE</b>  <b>HOUSE</b>	b. House provides \$2,200,000 in General Revenue for developing and maintaining the Court Text Reminder program established by House Bill 4293, Eighty-Seventh Legislature, Regular Session, 2021. See also House Rider 14, Costs for Court Text Reminder Program.  c. House provides \$460,551 in General Revenue with 1.0 FTE for computer hardware and software licensing updates and Information Technology Support for Child Support Courts.
B.1.1 CHILD SUPPORT COURTS PROGRAM	\$ 18,236,825 <b>\$ 17,394,326</b>	\$ 17,127,326	\$ 1,109,499  <b>HOUSE SENATE</b>	a. See Cross-Strategy Issue 1 b. See Cross-Agency Issue 1

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
B.1.2 CHILD PROTECTION COURTS PROGRAM	\$ 13,771,553	\$ 13,150,763	\$ 620,790	
	<b>\$ 13,183,763</b>		<b>HOUSE</b>	a. See Cross-Strategy Issue 1
			<b>SENATE</b>	b. See Cross-Agency Issue 1
D.1.1 TX INDIGENT DEFENSE COMM	\$ 164,746,213	\$ 113,346,213	\$ 51,400,000	
	<b>\$ 154,964,079</b>		<b>SENATE</b>	a. House provides \$20,000,000 in General Revenue to assist rural communities in developing public defender services.
			<b>SENATE WITH</b>	b. House provides \$11,400,000 in GR-D 5073 to replace revenue shortfalls to GR-D 5073 to provide basic public defense services.
			<b>\$30,289,139 IN GR</b>	
			<b>HOUSE LESS \$8,671,273</b>	c. House provides \$20,000,000 in General Revenue for in-person adjudication of felony cases associated with Operation Lone Star.
Guardianship Abuse, Fraud, and Exploitation Deterrence Program.	IV-27, Rider #8 Rider Packet, page IV-1			House rider requires the agency to use \$2,332,445 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,181,778 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue and 27.7 FTEs for the Guardianship Abuse, Fraud, and Exploitation Deterrence Program.
Contingency for SB 27		IV-28, Rider #13 Rider Packet, page IV-1		
		<b>AS AMENDED TO MAKE \$4,152,442 IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND \$3,781,352 IN FISCAL YEAR 2025 IN GR WITH 43.0 FTES IN EACH FISCAL YEAR IN STRATEGY E.1.1, BUSINESS COURT OPERATIONS, IN NEW GOAL E</b>		Senate rider make \$5,384,665 in fiscal year 2024 and \$5,299,279 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue and 30.0 FTEs each fiscal year for the purpose of implementing the provisions of Senate Bill 27, contingent upon enactment of the bill.

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Contingency for SB 1045		IV-28, Rider #14 Rider Packet, page IV-1	<b>MOVE RIDER TO SPECIAL PROVISIONS- JUDICIARY AS AMENDED TO CREATE A BILL PATTERN FOR THE NEW FIFTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS</b>	Senate rider makes \$3,171,514 in fiscal year 2024 and \$3,058,732 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue and 17.0 FTEs each fiscal year for implementing the provisions of Senate Bill 1045, contingent upon enactment of the bill.
Costs for Court Text Reminder Program	IV-28, Rider #14 Rider Packet, page IV-1			House rider requires the agency to use \$2,200,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 for providing and maintaining funding for the court text reminder program, established by House Bill 4293, Eighty-Seventh Legislature, Regular Session, 2021.
Contingency for SB 1318.		IV-28, Rider #15 Rider Packet, page IV-2  <b>AS AMENDED TO CHANGE THE TOTAL RIDER AMOUNTS TO \$2,706,688 IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND \$99,536 IN FISCAL YEAR 2025 WITH THE SAME FTES</b>		Senate rider makes \$2,732,165 in fiscal year 2024 and \$126,287 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue and 1.0 FTE each fiscal year for implementing the provisions of Senate Bill 1318, contingent upon the enactment of the bill.

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
District Court Workload Analysis	IV-28, Rider #16 Rider Packet, page IV-2  <b>AS AMENDED TO            CHANGE THE RIDER            TITLE TO "DISTRICT            AND COUNTY COURT            PERSONNEL            WORKLOAD            ANALYSIS", REDUCE            ITEMS REPORTED, AND            FOCUS THE ANALYSIS            ON DISTRICT AND            COURT PERSONNEL</b>			House rider directs \$200,000 in General Revenue in fiscal year 2024 to be used for conducting disctrict workload analysis for the 30 most populous counties and reporting to the legislature information relating to judicial officers and court filings and clearances.
Lump Sum Annual Leave Payout	IV-29, Rider #17 Rider Packet, page IV-3			House rider requires the agency to use \$267,000 in Strategy B.1.1, Child Support Courts Program, and \$33,000 in Strategy B.1.2, Child Protection Courts Program to pay retirement payouts.
<b>Conference Committee Revisions and Additions</b> D.1.1 TX INDIGENT DEFENSE COMM Method of Financing Swap			<b>ADOPT</b>	Conference Committee decreases General Revenue-Dedicated Fair Defense Account No. 5073 (GR-D 5073) by \$8,700,000 in Strategy D.1.1, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, and increases General Revenue in the same strategy by the same amount to align funding from GR-D 5073 with anticipated balances in the Comptroller's BRE.
Public Defender Offices in Rural Communities			<b>ADOPT</b>	Conference Committee adds a rider to require the agency to use \$5,000,000 in GR to conduct an assessment of rural areas and to provide public defender services in rural areas where none currently exist.

**215 OFFICE OF CAPITAL AND FORENSIC WRITS**

<b>Item</b>	<b>House 2024-25</b>	<b>Senate 2024-25</b>	<b>Biennial Difference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
<b>Technical Adjustments</b>	IV-29	IV-28		
	IV-30	IV-29	<b>ADOPT</b>	1) Amend Rider 2, Relocation Funding, by removing "in the Stephen F. Austin building" in the rider so that funding provided for an office move would not be restricted for the agency to move to that location only.

**213 OFFICE OF THE STATE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Schedule of Exempt Positions (State Prosecuting Attorney)	IV-30 170,247	IV-30 154,000		See Cross-Agency Issue 1
A.1.2 STATE PROSECUTOR SALARY	\$ 352,109	\$ 328,162	\$ 23,947	See Cross-Agency Issue 1

**243 STATE LAW LIBRARY**

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
A.1.1 ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS	IV-31 \$ 2,570,441	IV-31 \$ 2,400,441	\$ 170,000	House provides \$170,000 in General Revenue to purchase updates for titles removed from the Library's print collection during 2011, 2013, and 2017.



**242 STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT**

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTEs)	IV-32  14.0	IV-32  16.0		Senate provides 2.0 FTEs contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 21, or similar legislation, relating to the conduct of and complaints against current and former judges.
A.1.1 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT	\$ 2,696,451	\$ 3,191,399	\$ 494,948	Senate provides \$494,948 in General Revenue and 2.0 FTEs to implement the provisions of Senate Bill 21, contingent upon enactment of the legislation.
Contingency for SB 21		\$ 3,078,571  IV-33, Rider #2 Rider Packet, page IV-4  <b>AS AMENDED WITH                      \$191,060 IN GR AND                      THE SAME FTES EACH                      FISCAL YEAR</b>	<b>SENATE LESS \$112,828                      WITH SAME FTES</b>	Senate rider makes \$494,948 in General Revenue and 2.0 FTEs to implement the provisions of Senate Bill 21, contingent upon enactment of the legislation.

**241 JUDICIARY SECTION, COMPTROLLER'S DEPARTMENT**

<b>Item</b>	<b>House 2024-25</b>	<b>Senate 2024-25</b>	<b>Biennial Difference</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
	IV-33	IV-33		
Schedule of Exempt Positions				
District Judges and Criminal District Judges - State Base Salary (A.1.1) (491)	\$ 154,530	\$ 140,000		See cross-agency issue 1
District Attorneys, Criminal District Attorneys and County Attorneys (B.1.1 & B.1.3) (8)	\$ 123,480	\$ 112,000		See cross-agency issue 1
District Attorneys, Criminal District Attorneys and County Attorneys (B.1.2) (156)	\$ 154,530	\$ 140,000		See cross-agency issue 1
<b>A.1.1 DISTRICT JUDGES</b>	\$ 174,216,778	\$ 163,797,013	\$ 10,419,765	a. Senate provides \$1,680,000 in General Revenue salaries for the salaries of judges of six newly established district courts in accordance with Government Code, Section 659.012 contingent upon the enactment of House Bill 130, relating to the creation of six new district courts in Harris County. See also Senate Rider 11, Contingency for House Bill 130. b. See cross-agency issue 1
A.1.2 VISITING JUDGES - REGIONS	\$ 27,465,750	\$ 26,911,012	\$ 554,738	See cross-agency issue 1 for strategies A.1.2. through D.1.2.
A.1.3 VISITING JUDGES - APPELLATE	\$ 730,000	\$ 694,740	\$ 35,260	
A.1.7 MDL SALARY AND BENEFITS	\$ 370,384	\$ 349,320	\$ 21,064	
B.1.1 DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: SALARIES	\$ 1,808,593	\$ 1,709,322	\$ 99,271	
B.1.2 PROFESSIONAL PROSECUTORS: SALARIES	\$ 54,101,193	\$ 50,304,505	\$ 3,796,688	
B.1.3 FELONY PROSECUTORS: SALARIES	\$ 903,408	\$ 816,328	\$ 87,080	
C.1.1 CONSTITUTIONAL CO. JUDGE SUPPLEMENT	\$ 14,125,294	\$ 13,282,794	\$ 842,500	
C.1.2 STATUTORY CO. JUDGE 573 SUPPLEMENT	\$ 46,772,635	\$ 43,572,490	\$ 3,200,145	
C.1.3 STATUTORY PROBATE JUDGE SUPPLEMENT	\$ 4,907,747	\$ 4,659,572	\$ 248,175	
C.1.4 1ST MULTICOUNTY COURT AT LAW	\$ 327,770	\$ 306,000	\$ 21,770	
D.1.2 COUNTY ATTORNEY SUPPLEMENT	\$ 14,515,755	\$ 13,574,124	\$ 941,631	
D.1.4 SPECIAL PROSECUTION UNIT, WALKER CO	\$ 12,948,221	\$ 12,496,117	\$ 452,104	

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				<p>House provides \$904,208 in General Revenue for biennium for salary parity for 43.0 SPU FTEs with equivalent Walker County criminal investigator, prosecutor, and support staff positions.</p> <p>Senate provides \$452,104 in General Revenue for the same purpose.</p>
Contingency for House Bill 130		<p>IV-37, Rider #11 Rider Packet, page IV-5</p>		<p>Senate rider requires the agency to use \$840,000 in General Revenue each fiscal year in salaries for the judges of six newly established district courts in accordance with Government Code, Section 659.012 contingent upon the enactment of House Bill 130, relating to the creation of six new district courts in Harris County.</p>
<p><b>Conference Committee Revisions and Additions</b> Contingency for SB 27</p>			<p><b>ADOPT</b></p>	<p>Conference Committee provides General Revenue appropriations of \$1,680,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,680,000 in fiscal year 2025 and 10.0 FTEs each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium in a new Strategy A.1.8, Business Court Judges, to implement the provisions of the Senate Bill 27, or similar legislation, with a new rider making the funding and FTEs contingent upon enactment of the legislation.</p>

**ARTICLE IV, SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

Item	House 2024-25	Senate 2024-25	Biennial Difference	Explanation
<b>Conference Committee Revisions and Additions</b> Contingency for SB 1045	IV-39	IV-39	<b>ADOPT</b>	Conference Committee provides a new rider appropriating \$2,397,807 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,327,569 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue (\$4,725,376 for the biennium) and 17.0 FTEs each fiscal year to implement the provisions of the Senate Bill 1045, or similar legislation, and create a new bill pattern for the Fifteenth Court of Appeals contingent upon enactment of the legislation.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Office of Court Administration**  
**Amendment to Rider**  
**District Court Workload Analysis**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/15/2023

**Overview**

Amends Rider 16, District Court Workload Analysis, in the bill pattern of the Office of Court Administration in House Bill 1, Special Printing, to change the rider title to District and County Court Personnel Workload Analysis, reduce the number of items reported, and to focus the analysis to district and court personnel.

**Required Action**

1. On page IV-28 of the Office of Court Administration’s bill pattern in House Bill 1 Special Printing, add the following amended rider:
  16. **District and County Court Personnel Workload Analysis.** Included in the amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Court Administration, is \$200,000 in fiscal year 2024 for the Office of Court Administration to conduct a study of the ~~staff~~ ~~judicial~~ ~~court~~ ~~personnel~~ workload of the district and statutory county courts in this state. Such a study may be contracted through a third-party, and must utilize a weighted caseload considering the nature and complexity of the cases heard. No later than January 1, 2025, the Office of Court Administration shall provide the report to the Governor, Legislative Budget Board, and the chairs of the standing committees of the Senate and House of Representatives with jurisdiction over the Judicial System. At a minimum, the report must include information relating to the following:
    - (a) ~~the number of estimated full-time equivalent judicial officers working in the county in the preceding fiscal year;~~
    - (b) ~~the number of full-time equivalent judicial officers needed in the county based on the most recent weighted caseload study;~~
    - (c) ~~the number of new case filings in each of the preceding five fiscal years;~~
    - (d) ~~the clearance rate of cases in each of the preceding five fiscal years;~~
    - (e) ~~the calendar year in which the last district court was created by statute;~~
    - (f) ~~the number of estimated full-time equivalent judicial officers working in the county in the preceding fiscal year;~~
    - (g) ~~the number of full-time equivalent judicial officers needed in the county based on the most recent weighted caseload study;~~
    - (ha) the number of full-time equivalent court personnel working in the county in the preceding fiscal year;
    - (hb) the estimated number of full-time equivalent court personnel needed in the county based on the most recent weighted caseload study;

By: \_\_\_\_\_

## Office of Court Administration (Texas Indigent Defense

### Commission)

#### Proposed Rider

#### Public Defender Offices in Rural Areas

Prepared by LBB Staff, 05/03/2023

#### Overview

Add a rider identifying amounts in strategy D.1.1, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, that may only be used during the biennium to pay for developing public defender services in rural areas where none currently exist and that requires an assessment of the resources used for those purposes.

#### Required Action

On page IV-28 of the Office of Court Administration’s bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Public Defender Offices in Rural Areas.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy D.1.1, Texas Indigent Defense Commission, from General Revenue include \$5,000,000 in the 2024-25 biennium that may only be used for the purpose of conducting an assessment of public defender services and resources in rural areas and providing new public defender services and resources in those areas.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Office of Court Administration**  
**Proposed Rider Amendment**  
**Contingency for SB 27**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/12/2023

**Overview**

Amend Rider 13, Contingency for SB 27, in the bill pattern of the Office of Court Administration, to make General Revenue appropriations of \$4,152,442 in fiscal year 2024 and \$3,781,352 in fiscal year 2025 and 43.0 FTEs each fiscal year for the 2024-25 biennium in the bill pattern of the Office of Court Administration to implement the provisions of Senate Bill 27, or similar legislation, relating to the creation of a specialty trial court to hear certain cases; authorizing fees, contingent upon the enactment of the bill.

**Required Action**

1. On page IV-28 of the Office of Court Administration’s bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, amend the following rider:
  13. **Contingency for SB 27.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy ~~A-1.1, Court Administration, E.1.1, Business Court Operations~~, include ~~\$5,384,665~~\$4,152,442 in fiscal year 2024 and ~~\$5,299,279~~\$3,781,352 in fiscal year 2025 and ~~30.0~~43.0 FTEs each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium for the purposes of implementing the provisions of Senate Bill 27, or similar legislation, relating to the creation of a specialty trial court to hear certain cases; authorizing fees, contingent upon the enactment of the ~~bill~~legislation.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Office of Court Administration**  
**Proposed Rider Amendment**  
**Contingency for SB 1318**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/12/2023

**Overview**

Amend Rider 15, Contingency for SB 1318, in the bill pattern of the Office of Court Administration, in Senate Bill 1, to make General Revenue appropriations of \$2,706,688 in fiscal year 2024 and \$99,536 in fiscal year 2025 and 1.0 FTE each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium to implement the provisions of Senate Bill 1318, or similar legislation, relating to the release of defendants on bail, the duties of a magistrate in certain criminal proceedings, and the appointment of certain criminal law hearing officers; creating a criminal offense, contingent upon the enactment of the legislation.

**Required Action**

1. On page IV-28 of the Office of Court Administration's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, amend the following rider:
  15. **Contingency for SB 1318.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Court Administration, include ~~\$2,732,165~~\$106,688 in fiscal year 2024 and ~~\$126,287~~\$99,536 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue, in Strategy A.1.2, Information Technology, \$2,600,000 in fiscal year 2024 from General Revenue, and 1.0 FTE each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium for the purposes of implementing the provisions of Senate Bill 1318, or similar legislation, relating to the release of defendants on bail, the duties of a magistrate in certain criminal proceedings, and the appointment of certain criminal law hearing officers; creating a criminal offense, contingent upon the enactment of the ~~bill~~legislation.



By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Office of Capital and Forensic Writs**  
**Rider Amendment**  
**Relocation Funding**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/10/2023

**Overview**

Amends Rider 2, Relocation Funding, in the bill pattern of the Office of Capital and Forensic Writs in the Senate Committee Substitute for House Bill 1, to remove the requirement that one-time costs associated with moving the agency into larger office space be restricted for moving the agency into a location in the Stephen F. Austin Building.

**Required Action**

1. On page IV-29 of the Office of Court Administration’s bill pattern in the Senate Committee Substitute for House Bill 1, amend the following rider:
  2. **Relocation Funding.** Amounts appropriated above in fiscal year 2024 include \$118,290 in General Revenue Funds and \$23,992 in General Revenue Dedicated Account No. 5073 funds in Strategy A.1.1, Capital Representation, and \$13,143 in General Revenue Funds and \$2,666 in General Revenue Dedicated Account No. 5073 funds in A.1.2, Non-Capital Representation, for one-time costs associated with moving the agency into larger office space ~~in the Stephen F. Austin building.~~

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**State Commission on Judicial Conduct**  
**Proposed Rider Amendment**  
**Contingency for SB 21**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/12/2023

**Overview**

Amend Rider 2, Contingency for SB 21, in the bill pattern of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, in Senate Bill 1, to make General Revenue appropriations of \$191,060 in fiscal year 2024 and \$191,060 in fiscal year 2025 and 2.0 FTEs each fiscal year for the 2024-25 biennium to implement the provisions of Senate Bill 21, or similar legislation, relating to conduct of and complaints against current and former judges, contingent upon the enactment of the legislation.

**Required Action**

1. On page IV-33 of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct's bill pattern in Senate Bill 1, amend the following rider:
2. **Contingency for SB 21.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.1, Administration and Enforcement, include ~~\$247,474~~\$191,060 in fiscal year 2024 and ~~\$247,474~~\$191,060 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue and 2.0 FTEs each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium for the purposes of implementing the provisions of Senate Bill 21, or similar legislation, relating to conduct of and complaints against current and former judges, contingent upon the enactment of the ~~bill~~legislation.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Judiciary Section, Comptroller’s Department**  
**Proposed Rider**  
**Contingency for SB 27**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/12/2023

**Overview**

Add a new rider making General Revenue appropriations of \$1,680,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,680,000 in fiscal year 2025 and 10.0 FTEs each fiscal year for the 2024-25 biennium in a new Strategy A.1.8. Business Court Judges, in the bill pattern of the Judiciary Section, Comptroller’s Department to implement the provisions of Senate Bill 27, or similar legislation, relating to the creation of a specialty trial court to hear certain cases; authorizing fees, contingent upon the enactment of the bill.

**Required Action**

1. On page IV-38 of the Judiciary Section, Comptroller’s Department bill pattern in House Bill 1, Engrossed, add the following new rider:  
  
\_\_\_\_\_.  
**Contingency for SB 27.** Amounts appropriated above in Strategy A.1.8, Business Court Judges, include \$1,680,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$1,680,000 in fiscal year 2025 from General Revenue and 10.0 FTEs each fiscal year of the 2024-25 biennium for the purposes of implementing the provisions of Senate Bill 27, or similar legislation, relating to the creation of a specialty trial court to hear certain cases; authorizing fees, contingent upon the enactment of the legislation. In addition, “Business Court Judges – State Base Salary (Strategy A.1.8.) (10) \$140,000” each fiscal year in the Schedule of Exempt Positions is also contingent upon the enactment of the legislation.

**Special Provisions - Judiciary**  
**Proposed Rider and Funding**  
**Contingency for SB 1045**

Prepared by LBB Staff, 5/12/2023

**Overview**

Add a new rider appropriating \$2,397,807 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,327,569 in fiscal year 2025 in General Revenue with 17.0 FTEs each fiscal year in the bill pattern of the Office of Court Administration to implement the provisions of Senate Bill 1045, or similar legislation, relating to the creation of the Fifteenth Court of Appeals with jurisdiction over certain civil cases, the compensation of the justices of that court, and the jurisdiction of the courts of appeals in this state; authorizing fees, contingent upon enactment of the bill.

**Required Action**

1. On page IV-39 of the Special Provisions - Judiciary bill pattern in House Bill 1, House Engrossment, add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. **Contingency for SB 1045.**

(a) Contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 1045, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, or similar legislation, relating to the creation of the Fifteenth Court of Appeals with jurisdiction over certain civil cases, the compensation of the justices of that court, and the jurisdiction of the courts of appeals in this state, General Revenue funds in the amount of \$2,397,807 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,327,569 in fiscal year 2025 and 17.0 FTEs each fiscal year are appropriated for the purpose of implementing the legislation.

(b) Upon the enactment of Senate Bill 1045, appropriations and FTEs identified above in subsection (a) shall be provided to the Fifteenth Court of Appeals in a new bill pattern for that purpose in Article IV, The Judiciary, of this Act. The bill pattern shall include:

- (1) a Method of Financing with General Revenue appropriations each fiscal year;
- (2) a Number of Full-Time-Equivalents (FTE) each fiscal year;
- (3) a Schedule of Exempt Positions including one Chief Justice and four Justices with salary caps each fiscal year;
- (4) a strategy for Appellate Court Operations with amounts for that purpose each fiscal year;
- (5) a strategy for Appellate Justice Salaries with amounts for that purpose that are estimated and nontransferable each fiscal year;
- (6) a Performance Measure Targets rider including the following performance measures with targets of 100% attainment each fiscal year:
  - (A) Clearance Rate;
  - (B) Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year; and
  - (C) Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years.