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S.B. No. 1893

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the administrative judicial regions in this state.

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

SECTION 1. Section 74.042, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 74.042. ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS. (a) The state is divided into 13 [~~nine~~] administrative judicial regions.

(b) The First Administrative Judicial Region is composed of the counties of Austin, Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Fort Bend, Galveston, Grimes, Harris, Waller, and Washington [~~Anderson, Bowie, Camp, Cass, Cherokee, Collin, Dallas, Delta, Ellis, Fannin, Franklin, Grayson, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Hopkins, Houston, Hunt, Kaufman, Lamar, Marion, Morris, Nacogdoches, Panola, Rains, Red River, Rockwall, Rusk, Shelby, Smith, Titus, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood~~].

(c) The Second Administrative Judicial Region is composed of the counties of Archer, Clay, Cooke, Denton, Hood, Jack, Montague, Parker, Tarrant, Wichita, Wise, and Young [~~Angelina, Bastrop, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Chambers, Fort Bend, Freestone, Galveston, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Jasper, Jefferson, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Orange, Polk, Robertson, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Trinity, Tyler, Walker, Waller, Washington, and Wharton~~].

(d) The Third Administrative Judicial Region is composed of

1 the counties of Bastrop, [~~Austin~~], Bell, Blanco, [~~Bosque~~], Burnet,
2 Caldwell, Coke, [~~Colorado~~], Comal, Concho, [~~Comanche~~, ~~Coryell~~,
3 ~~Falls~~], Fayette, [~~Gonzales~~, ~~Guadalupe~~, ~~Hamilton~~], Hays, Irion,
4 [~~Hill~~], Lampasas, Lee, [~~Lavaca~~], Llano, McCulloch, [~~McLennan~~],
5 Milam, Mills, Runnels, [~~Navarro~~], San Saba, Schleicher, Sterling,
6 Tom Green, Travis, and Williamson.

7 (e) The Fourth Administrative Judicial Region is composed
8 of the counties of [~~Aransas~~], Atascosa, Bandera, [~~Bee~~], Bexar,
9 Brooks, [~~Calhoun~~, ~~DeWitt~~], Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, Frio,
10 Gillespie, Guadalupe, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, [~~Goliad~~, ~~Jackson~~],
11 Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, LaSalle, Mason, [~~Live Oak~~],
12 Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Menard, Real, Starr, Sutton, Uvalde,
13 Val Verde, [~~Refugio~~, ~~San Patricio~~, ~~Victoria~~], Webb, Wilson, Zapata,
14 and Zavala.

15 (f) The Fifth Administrative Judicial Region is composed of
16 the counties of Collin, Dallas, Grayson, Hunt, Kaufman, and
17 Rockwall [~~Brooks~~, ~~Cameron~~, ~~Duval~~, ~~Hidalgo~~, ~~Jim Hogg~~, ~~Jim Wells~~,
18 ~~Kenedy~~, ~~Kleberg~~, ~~Nueces~~, ~~Starr~~, and ~~Willacy~~].

19 (g) The Sixth Administrative Judicial Region is composed of
20 the counties of Bowie, Camp, Cass, Delta, Fannin, Franklin, Gregg,
21 Harrison, Hopkins, Hunt, Lamar, Marion, Morris, Panola, Red River,
22 Rusk, Titus, Upshur, and Wood [~~Bandera~~, ~~Brewster~~, ~~Crockett~~,
23 ~~Culberson~~, ~~Edwards~~, ~~El Paso~~, ~~Gillespie~~, ~~Hudspeth~~, ~~Jeff Davis~~,
24 ~~Kendall~~, ~~Kerr~~, ~~Kimble~~, ~~Kinney~~, ~~Mason~~, ~~McCulloch~~, ~~Medina~~, ~~Menard~~,
25 ~~Pecos~~, ~~Presidio~~, ~~Reagan~~, ~~Real~~, ~~Sutton~~, ~~Terrell~~, ~~Upton~~, ~~Uvalde~~, and
26 ~~Val Verde~~].

27 (h) The Seventh Administrative Judicial Region is composed

1 of the counties of Armstrong, Bailey, Briscoe, Carson, Castro,
 2 Childress, Cochran, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dallam, Deaf
 3 Smith, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Foard, [~~Andrews, Borden, Brown,~~
 4 ~~Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Fisher,~~
 5 ~~Gaines,~~] Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley,
 6 Hemphill, Hockley, Hutchinson, [~~Glasscock, Haskell, Howard, Irion,~~
 7 ~~Jones,~~] Kent, King, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Moore, Motley,
 8 Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman,
 9 Swisher, Terry, Wilbarger, Wheeler, and Yoakum [~~Loving, Lynn,~~
 10 ~~Martin, Midland, Mills, Mitchell, Nolan, Reeves, Runnels,~~
 11 ~~Schleicher, Scurry, Shackelford, Sterling, Stonewall, Taylor,~~
 12 ~~Throckmorton, Tom Green, Ward, and Winkler~~].

13 (i) The Eighth Administrative Judicial Region is composed
 14 of the counties of Andrews, Brewster, Crane, Crockett, Culberson,
 15 El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Loving, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan,
 16 Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Ward, and Winkler [~~Archer, Clay, Cooke,~~
 17 ~~Denton, Eastland, Erath, Hood, Jack, Johnson, Montague, Palo Pinto,~~
 18 ~~Parker, Somervell, Stephens, Tarrant, Wichita, Wise, and Young~~].

19 (j) The Ninth Administrative Judicial Region is composed of
 20 the counties of Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Montgomery,
 21 Newton, Orange, Polk, San Jacinto, and Tyler [~~Armstrong, Bailey,~~
 22 ~~Baylor, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Cochran,~~
 23 ~~Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Dickens,~~
 24 ~~Donley, Floyd, Foard, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman,~~
 25 ~~Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Hutchinson, King, Knox, Lamb,~~
 26 ~~Lipscomb, Lubbock, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer,~~
 27 ~~Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler,~~

1 ~~Wilbarger, and Yoakum]~~.

2 (k) The Tenth Administrative Judicial Region is composed of
3 the counties of Bosque, Burleson, Brazos, Coryell, Ellis, Falls,
4 Freestone, Hamilton, Hill, Johnson, Leon, Limestone, Madison,
5 McLennan, Navarro, Robertson, Somervell, and Walker.

6 (l) The Eleventh Administrative Judicial Region is composed
7 of the counties of Baylor, Borden, Brown, Callahan, Coleman,
8 Comanche, Dawson, Eastland, Ector, Erath, Fisher, Gaines,
9 Glasscock, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Knox, Martin, Midland,
10 Mitchell, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens,
11 Stonewall, Taylor, and Throckmorton.

12 (m) The Twelfth Administrative Judicial Region is composed
13 of the counties of Anderson, Angelina, Cherokee, Gregg, Henderson,
14 Houston, Nacogdoches, Rains, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby,
15 Smith, Trinity, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood.

16 (n) The Thirteenth Administrative Judicial Region is
17 composed of the counties of Aransas, Bee, Calhoun, Cameron, DeWitt,
18 Goliad, Gonzales, Hidalgo, Jackson, Kenedy, Kleberg, Lavaca, Live
19 Oak, Matagorda, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria, Wharton,
20 and Willacy.

21 SECTION 2. Section 74.254(a), Government Code, is amended
22 to read as follows:

23 (a) The judicial committee for additional resources is
24 composed of:

- 25 (1) the chief justice of the supreme court; and
26 (2) the [~~nine~~] presiding judges of the administrative
27 judicial regions.

1 SECTION 3. (a) The Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, and
2 Thirteenth Administrative Judicial Regions are created on the
3 effective date of this Act.

4 (b) On the effective date of this Act, the governor, with
5 the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint a judge to serve
6 as presiding judge in each of the Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, and
7 Thirteenth Administrative Judicial Regions and of any
8 administrative judicial region in which a vacancy in office occurs
9 because the presiding judge of a judicial region is no longer
10 qualified to serve as the presiding judge of the region because of
11 the composition of the region on the effective date of this Act.

12 (c) On the effective date of this Act, the county in which a
13 presiding judge appointed under Subsection (b) of this section
14 resides shall provide adequate quarters for the operation of the
15 applicable administrative judicial region.

16 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.