1-1 By: Birdwell, Zaffirini   S.B. No. 1893
1-2   (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2017; March 23, 2017, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 1, 2017,
1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 1; May 1, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6   COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Huffman	X			
1-9	Hughes	X			
1-10	Birdwell	X			
1-11	Creighton		X		
1-12	Estes	X			
1-13	Lucio	X			
1-14	Nelson	X			
1-15	Schwertner	X			
1-16	Zaffirini	X			

1-17 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1893   By: Birdwell

1-18   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-19   AN ACT

1-20 relating to the administrative judicial regions in this state.
1-21   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-22   SECTION 1. Effective September 1, 2017, Section 74.042,
1-23 Government Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a), (b), (c),
1-24 and (d) and adding Subsections (k) and (l) to read as follows:
1-25   (a) The state is divided into 11 [nine] administrative
1-26 judicial regions.
1-27   (b) The First Administrative Judicial Region is composed of
1-28 the counties of [Anderson, Bowie, Camp, Cass, Cherokee,] Collin,
1-29 Dallas, [Delta,] Ellis, [Fannin, Franklin,] Grayson, [Gregg,
1-30 Harrison, Henderson, Hopkins, Houston, Hunt,] Kaufman, and [Lamar,
1-31 Marion, Morris, Nacogdoches, Panola, Rains, Red River,] Rockwall[,
1-32 Rusk, Shelby, Smith, Titus, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood].
1-33   (c) The Second Administrative Judicial Region is composed
1-34 of the counties of Angelina, Bastrop, [Brazoria,] Brazos, Burleson,
1-35 Chambers, [Fort Bend, Freestone, Galveston,] Grimes, Hardin,
1-36 [Harris,] Jasper, Jefferson, Lee, [Leon,] Liberty, [Limestone,]
1-37 Madison, [Matagorda,] Montgomery, Newton, Orange, Polk,
1-38 [Robertson, Sabine, San Augustine,] San Jacinto, Trinity, Tyler,
1-39 Walker, Waller, and Washington[, and Wharton].
1-40   (d) The Third Administrative Judicial Region is composed of
1-41 the counties of Austin, Bell, Blanco, Bosque, Burnet, Caldwell,
1-42 Colorado, Comal, Comanche, Coryell, Falls, Fayette, Gonzales,
1-43 Guadalupe, Hamilton, Hays, Hill, Lampasas, Lavaca, Llano,
1-44 McLennan, Milam, Navarro, Robertson, San Saba, Travis, and
1-45 Williamson.
1-46   (k) The Tenth Administrative Judicial Region is composed of
1-47 the counties of Anderson, Bowie, Camp, Cass, Cherokee, Delta,
1-48 Fannin, Franklin, Freestone, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Hopkins,
1-49 Houston, Hunt, Lamar, Leon, Limestone, Marion, Morris,
1-50 Nacogdoches, Panola, Rains, Red River, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine,
1-51 Shelby, Smith, Titus, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood.
1-52   (l) The Eleventh Administrative Judicial Region is composed
1-53 of the counties of Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris,
1-54 Matagorda, and Wharton.
1-55   SECTION 2. Section 74.254(a), Government Code, is amended
1-56 to read as follows:
1-57   (a) The judicial committee for additional resources is
1-58 composed of:
1-59   (1) the chief justice of the supreme court; and
1-60   (2) the [nine] presiding judges of the administrative

2-1 judicial regions.
2-2   SECTION 3. (a) The Tenth and Eleventh Administrative
2-3 Judicial Regions are created on September 1, 2017.
2-4   (b) On September 1, 2017, the governor, with the advice and
2-5 consent of the senate, shall appoint judges to serve as presiding
2-6 judges in the Tenth and Eleventh Administrative Judicial Regions
2-7 and any administrative judicial region in which a vacancy in office
2-8 occurs because the presiding judge of a judicial region is no longer
2-9 qualified to serve as the presiding judge of the region because of
2-10 the composition of the region on that date.
2-11   (c) On September 1, 2017, the county in which a presiding
2-12 judge appointed under Subsection (b) of this section resides shall
2-13 provide adequate quarters for the operation of the applicable
2-14 administrative judicial region.
2-15   (d) Not later than September 1, 2017, the regional presiding
2-16 judges of the First through Ninth Administrative Judicial Regions:
2-17   (1) shall develop and adopt by majority vote budgets
2-18 for the Tenth and Eleventh Administrative Judicial Regions that
2-19 include an assessment for each county included in the area that will
2-20 comprise the new regions; and
2-21   (2) may by majority vote transfer money, as necessary,
2-22 from the existing judicial regions to the Tenth and Eleventh
2-23 Administrative Judicial Regions.
2-24   (e) A judge or associate judge or coordinator assigned or
2-25 appointed to a court in a county included in the First, Second,
2-26 Third, Tenth, or Eleventh Administrative Judicial Region on
2-27 September 1, 2017, continues to serve in that position until
2-28 removed by the regional presiding judge.
2-29   SECTION 4. Except as otherwise provided by this Act, this
2-30 Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of
2-31 all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39,
2-32 Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the
2-33 vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect on the
2-34 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.

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