



Office of Court Administration

Memo

To: Chief Justice Nathan Hecht
Presiding Judge Sharon Keller
Members, Texas Judicial Council

From: David Slayton, Executive Director

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Re: Proposed Reporting by the Presiding Judges of the Administrative Judicial Regions

Senate Bill 1893 (85th Legislature) requires the Texas Judicial Council (Council) to collect judicial statistics and other pertinent information from the presiding judges of the administrative judicial regions regarding the amount and character of any business transacted by the presiding judges. (New Sec. 71.083, Tex. Gov't Code.)

OCA staff have consulted with the presiding judges and the Council's Data Committee regarding the new reporting requirements and recommend the following data be collected from the presiding judges effective January 1, 2018:

1. Number of assignment made by the presiding judges and the types of judges assigned (active or retired/former)
2. Number of assignments made by the Chief Justice to the Region
3. Reasons for assignments (e.g., assistance with heavy docket, vacation, illness, recusals, etc.)
4. Number of days served by judges assigned to sit when there is a vacancy or extended illness
5. Number of motions to recuse/disqualify heard by the presiding judges or assigned to another judge and the number of motions granted or denied
6. Number of fee voucher appeals
7. Number of appointments of prosecuting attorneys to represent the state in Public Integrity Unit cases
8. Number of Rule 12 appeals
9. Number of appeals from the Judicial Branch Certification Commission

Sec. 71.038. REGIONAL INFORMATION. The council shall collect judicial statistics and other pertinent information from the presiding judges of each administrative judicial region in this state regarding the amount and character of any business transacted by the presiding judges. As a duty of office, the presiding judges shall report monthly any information required by the council under this section.