

STATE OF TEXAS

RESOLUTION

of the

TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Filing of Oaths and Statements of Officer for Judicial Appointees

WHEREAS, the Texas Judicial Council is the policymaking body for the Texas Judicial Branch, created under Chapter 71, Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Council is charged with improving the administration of justice; and

WHEREAS, Article 16, Section 1 of the Texas Constitution requires that all elected and appointed officers taken an oath of office and subscribe to an anti-bribery statement prior to taking the oath; and

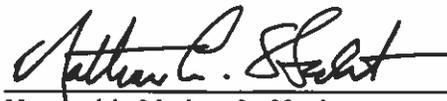
WHEREAS, there are several appointed officers within the judicial branch who are appointed to state positions, including commissioners of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct and the Judicial Branch Certification Commission, as well as associate judges of the child support and child protection courts established under Subchapter B and C, Chapter 201 of the Texas Family Code; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the oaths of office for judicial branch state appointed officials be available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, there is a lack of clarity as to where the oaths of office for these appointed officials should be filed; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Council believes that the oaths of office for judicial branch state appointed officials should be filed with the Texas Secretary of State.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas Judicial Council requests that the Legislature clarify that oaths of office and anti-bribery statements for state officials appointed by the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals or State Bar of Texas, as well as associate judges appointed under Subchapter B and C, Chapter 201 of the Texas Family Code, should be filed with the Texas Secretary of State.



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