

STATE OF TEXAS

RESOLUTION

of the

TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Revisions of Statutes to Contemplate Court Technology

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

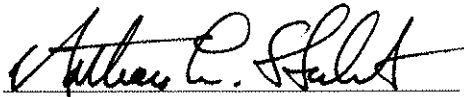
WHEREAS, the Texas Judiciary has made use of technology to become more efficient and provide better service to court users; and

WHEREAS, over 93% of Texans now have access to electronic filing in Texas state courts and those courts will receive almost 4 million documents electronically during 2014; and

WHEREAS, courts and clerks now have the ability to provide electronic notices to individuals registered in the electronic filing system, saving taxpayers money and providing a more efficient way of distributing information to court users; and

WHEREAS, several existing statutes contemplate a pre-technology environment and mandate a paper-based approach to provide notices and information to court users, inhibiting courts and clerks from utilizing the more efficient technology resources;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Texas Judicial Council recommends that the Texas Legislature amend existing statutes to provide courts and clerks with the option of utilizing technology to deliver notices and other information to court users.



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