

TEXAS COURT OF APPEALS, THIRD DISTRICT, AT AUSTIN

NO. 03-19-00912-CV

In re Robert Langley

ORIGINAL PROCEEDING FROM TRAVIS COUNTY

MEMORANDUM OPINION

Relator Robert Langley, an inmate in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, has filed a pro se petition for writ of mandamus. Langley requests that this Court compel the Board of Pardons and Paroles to take various actions and to follow the laws, policies, and rules of the requirements for parole review.

We have no jurisdiction to grant Langley's requested relief. By statute, this Court has no authority to issue a writ of mandamus against these State officials unless required to enforce our jurisdiction. *See* Tex. Gov't Code § 22.221 (establishing that intermediate appellate courts have jurisdiction to issue writs of mandamus only against certain types of judges and to enforce appellate courts' own jurisdiction); *In re Washington*, 7 S.W.3d 181, 182 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 1999, orig. proceeding). Langley has not demonstrated that the requested relief is necessary to enforce our appellate jurisdiction. *See In re Roberson*, No. 13-15-00598-CV, 2015 WL 9285850, at *2 (Tex. App.—Corpus Christi Dec. 21, 2015, orig. proceeding) (dismissing petition seeking to compel prison officials to comply with state laws). Accordingly, we dismiss his petition for writ of mandamus for want of jurisdiction.

Chari L. Kelly, Justice

Before Justices Goodwin, Kelly, and Smith

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