

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a weighted caseload study of the district courts.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

4 SECTION 1. STUDY. (a) The Office of Court Administration
5 of the Texas Judicial System shall contract with an independent
6 nonprofit organization that specializes in providing technical
7 assistance and consulting services to courts to conduct a study of
8 the caseloads of the district courts in this state for the purpose
9 of making recommendations regarding the implementation of a
10 systematic approach for analyzing the need for new district courts.
11 The study must concentrate on the weighted caseload of each
12 district court, considering the nature and complexity of the cases
13 heard by each court.

14 (b) Not later than September 1, 2006, the organization that
15 conducts the study required by Subsection (a) of this section shall
16 report the results of the study to the Office of Court
17 Administration of the Texas Judicial System. Not later than
18 October 1, 2006, the office shall file a report on those results
19 with the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the
20 house of representatives, and the chairs of the standing committees
21 of the senate and house of representatives with jurisdiction over
22 the judicial system.

23 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
24 1, 2005.

David Swinhart
President of the Senate

Jim Coakley
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 729 passed the Senate on April 21, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1. _____

Patsey Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 729 passed the House on May 25, 2005, by a non-record vote. _____

Robert Honey
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

17 JUNE '05

Date

Rick Perry
Governor

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Secretary of State