

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the designation of permanent places for certain  
3 judicial offices.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 22, Government Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 22.015 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 22.015. PERMANENT PLACE DESIGNATIONS. (a) The  
8 supreme court is composed of a chief justice and of eight justices  
9 holding places numbered consecutively beginning with Place 2.

10 (b) The designation of offices and places under this section  
11 identifies the offices and places for all purposes, including  
12 identification on official ballots for primary and general  
13 elections.

14 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 22, Government Code, is  
15 amended by adding Section 22.112 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 22.112. PERMANENT PLACE DESIGNATIONS. (a) The court  
17 of criminal appeals is composed of a presiding judge and of eight  
18 judges holding places numbered consecutively beginning with Place  
19 2.

20 (b) The designation of offices and places under this section  
21 identifies the offices and places for all purposes, including  
22 identification on official ballots for primary and general  
23 elections.

24 SECTION 3. Section 22.216, Government Code, is amended to

1 read as follows:

2 Sec. 22.216. MEMBERSHIP; PERMANENT PLACE DESIGNATIONS. (a)

3 The Court of Appeals for the First Court of Appeals District  
4 consists of a chief justice and of eight justices holding places  
5 numbered consecutively beginning with Place 2.

6 (b) The Court of Appeals for the Second Court of Appeals  
7 District consists of a chief justice and of six justices holding  
8 places numbered consecutively beginning with Place 2.

9 (c) The Court of Appeals for the Third Court of Appeals  
10 District consists of a chief justice and of five justices holding  
11 places numbered consecutively beginning with Place 2.

12 (d) The Court of Appeals for the Fourth Court of Appeals  
13 District consists of a chief justice and of six justices holding  
14 places numbered consecutively beginning with Place 2.

15 (e) The Court of Appeals for the Fifth Court of Appeals  
16 District consists of a chief justice and of 12 justices holding  
17 places numbered consecutively beginning with Place 2.

18 (f) The Court of Appeals for the Sixth Court of Appeals  
19 District consists of a chief justice and of two justices holding  
20 places numbered consecutively beginning with Place 2.

21 (g) The Court of Appeals for the Seventh Court of Appeals  
22 District consists of a chief justice and of three justices holding  
23 places numbered consecutively beginning with Place 2.

24 (h) The Court of Appeals for the Eighth Court of Appeals  
25 District consists of a chief justice and of three justices holding  
26 places numbered consecutively beginning with Place 2.

27 (i) The Court of Appeals for the Ninth Court of Appeals

1 District consists of a chief justice and of two justices holding  
2 places numbered consecutively beginning with Place 2.

3 (j) The Court of Appeals for the Tenth Court of Appeals  
4 District consists of a chief justice and of two justices holding  
5 places numbered consecutively beginning with Place 2.

6 (k) The Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Court of Appeals  
7 District consists of a chief justice and of two justices holding  
8 places numbered consecutively beginning with Place 2.

9 (l) The Court of Appeals for the Twelfth Court of Appeals  
10 District consists of a chief justice and of two justices holding  
11 places numbered consecutively beginning with Place 2.

12 (m) The Court of Appeals for the Thirteenth Court of Appeals  
13 District consists of a chief justice and of five justices holding  
14 places numbered consecutively beginning with Place 2.

15 (n) The Court of Appeals for the Fourteenth Court of Appeals  
16 District consists of a chief justice and of eight justices holding  
17 places numbered consecutively beginning with Place 2.

18 (o) The designation of offices and places under this section  
19 identifies the offices and places for all purposes, including  
20 identification on official ballots for primary and general  
21 elections.

22 (p) If any additional offices of justice of a court of  
23 appeals are created, the designation for those offices shall be in  
24 consecutive numerical order beginning with the next available place  
25 number. If two or more offices of justice are created to take  
26 effect the same date, and the legislature does not specify places  
27 for those offices, the applicable court of appeals shall by rule

1 determine places for each office. If the court does not determine  
2 places before a person is appointed or elected to fill the initial  
3 vacancy, the places are determined by seniority. The chief justice  
4 of the applicable court shall file the names and place numbers of  
5 the justices with the secretary of state and the clerk of the court.

6 SECTION 4. Section 52.092(h), Election Code, and Sections  
7 22.203(c), (d), (e), and (f), Government Code, are repealed.

8 SECTION 5. (a) The supreme court, by a majority vote of its  
9 members, shall adopt rules establishing a seniority system to  
10 determine which office and place is held by each justice serving on  
11 the court in accordance with Section 22.015, Government Code, as  
12 added by this Act. The chief justice shall file the names and place  
13 numbers of the justices with the secretary of state and the clerk of  
14 the court.

15 (b) The court of criminal appeals, by a majority vote of its  
16 members, shall adopt rules establishing a seniority system to  
17 determine which office and place is held by each judge serving on  
18 the court in accordance with Section 22.112, Government Code, as  
19 added by this Act. The presiding judge shall file the names and  
20 place numbers of the judges with the secretary of state and the  
21 clerk of the court.

22 (c) Each court of appeals, by a majority vote of its  
23 members, shall adopt rules establishing a seniority system to  
24 determine which office and place is held by each justice serving on  
25 the court in accordance with Section 22.216, Government Code, as  
26 amended by this Act. The chief justice shall file the names and  
27 place numbers of the justices with the secretary of state and the

1 clerk of the court.

2 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

David Newkum

President of the Senate

Jim Caddick

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2682 was passed by the House on April 25, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Robert Haney  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2682 was passed by the Senate on May 22, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patsy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

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