

**ARTICLE IV**  
**THE JUDICIARY**

Section 1. The several sums of money herein specified, or so much thereby as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, or out of special funds as indicated, for the support, maintenance, or improvement of the Judiciary and other judicial service units of the state.

**SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
1. Appellate Court Operations	\$ 3,963,420	\$ 3,953,386 & U.B.
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Disposition Rate	100%	100%
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Number of Days Since Filing of All Matters Pending in the Supreme Court	108	108
2. Basic Civil Legal Services	\$ 2,250,000	\$ 2,250,000
3. Metropolitan Court Backlog Reduction	\$ 990,000	\$ 990,000
<b>Grand Total, SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS</b>	<b>\$ 7,203,420</b>	<b>\$ 7,193,386</b>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 4,953,420	\$ 4,943,386
Judicial Fund No. 573	2,250,000	2,250,000
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<b>\$ 7,203,420</b>	<b>\$ 7,193,386</b>
<b>Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)</b>	65.0	65.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions</b>		
Chief Justice	\$115,000	\$115,000
Justice	(8) 113,000	(8) 113,000

1. **National Center for State Courts.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Item 1., Appellate Court Operations, the sum of \$225,857 in fiscal year 2000 and \$228,857 in fiscal year 2001, shall be expended only for dues for the National Center for State Courts. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Supreme Court utilize funds appropriated to provide full funding for the membership assessment on behalf of the Texas Judiciary during the 2000-01 biennium.
2. **Appropriation: Basic Civil Legal Services.** All fees deposited into the Basic Civil Legal Services account of the Judicial Fund are appropriated above in Item 2., Basic Civil Legal Services. Any fees deposited in excess of \$2,250,000 in fiscal year 2000 and \$2,250,000 in fiscal year 2001 are hereby appropriated to the Supreme Court for the same purpose.
3. **Equalization.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Supreme Court equalize the dockets of the fourteen courts of appeals. Equalization shall be considered achieved if the new cases filed each year per justice are equalized by ten percent or less among all the courts of appeals.

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4. **Metropolitan Court Backlog Reduction.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Supreme Court use the funds appropriated above in Item 3., Metropolitan Court Backlog Reduction, to clear the backlog dockets of the First, Fifth and Fourteenth Courts of Appeals. In no event, shall any of the funds appropriated in Item 3., be used to dispose of cases filed after January 1, 1999. It is the intent of the Legislature that the number of cases disposed through the use of these funds equal or exceed 720 cases each year. The funding in Item 3., Metropolitan Court Backlog Reduction, is contingent on a backlog docket between the three courts equaling or exceeding 720 cases. In the event that the aggregate backlog docket is less than 720 cases on August 1<sup>st</sup> of each fiscal year, the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor may direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts reduce the appropriation authority provided above, in Item 3., to an amount sufficient to clear the remaining cases on the backlog.

**COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
1. Appellate Court Operations	\$ 3,823,000	\$ 3,813,999 & U.B.
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Disposition Rate for PDR's Which are Granted	60%	60%
Disposition Rate for Death Penalty Cases	40%	40%
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Time (in Days) From the Time Petitions for Discretionary Review are Granted Until Disposition	270	270
Average Time From the Time Filed to Disposition for Petitions for Discretionary Review	85	85
2. Judicial and Court Personnel Training	\$ 4,027,500	\$ 4,027,500 & U.B.
3. Death Penalty Habeas Representation	\$ 4,000,000	\$ U.B.
<b>Grand Total, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS</b>	<b><u>\$ 11,850,500</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 7,841,499</u></b>
 <b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 8,000,500	\$ 3,991,499
Judicial and Court Personnel Training Fund No. 540	<u>3,850,000</u>	<u>3,850,000</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<b><u>\$ 11,850,500</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 7,841,499</u></b>
 <b>Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)</b>	 67.0	 67.0
 <b>Schedule of Exempt Positions</b>		
Presiding Judge	\$115,000	\$115,000
Judge	(8) 113,000	(8) 113,000

1. **Judicial Education.**

- a. The Court of Criminal Appeals may assign to the Office of Court Administration or to any other agency of the Judicial Branch the necessary administrative and accounting functions for the Judicial and Court Personnel Training Fund appropriation included in this Act to be performed under the direction of the Court of Criminal Appeals in compliance with

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V.T.C.A., Government Code, Chapter 56. To implement this provision, the Comptroller is authorized to transfer the appropriation from the Court of Criminal Appeals to the Office of Court Administration, or to any other agency of the Judicial Branch, as directed by order of the Court of Criminal Appeals. Of the amount appropriated for Item 2., Judicial and Court Personnel Training, \$60,000 in fiscal year 2000 and \$60,000 and U.B. in fiscal year 2001 shall be expended for the continuing legal education of judges of county courts performing judicial functions.

- b. None of the funds appropriated above in Item 2., Judicial and Court Personnel Training, in excess of three percent of the appropriated amount in any fiscal year shall be expended for the administration of the judicial education function. For the purposes of this provision, the term administration shall include, but not be limited to, administrative oversight functions, accounting and auditing functions, management studies, performance audits, and other studies initiated by the Court of Criminal Appeals or the Office of Court Administration.
    - c. Funds expended by either the Court of Criminal Appeals or the Office of Court Administration, out of the appropriation made above out of the Judicial and Court Personnel Training Fund, for the purpose of conducting management studies, performance audits, or other studies, shall be expended only in accordance with a competitive bidding process.
2. **Limitation, Judicial and Court Personnel Training.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Item 2., Judicial and Court Personnel Training, \$1,000,000 in the first year of the biennium and \$1,000,000 and U.B. in the second year of the biennium may be expended only to provide for the training and continuing legal education of the clerks and other court personnel of the appellate courts, district courts, county courts at law, county courts, justice courts, and municipal courts of this State in accordance with V.T.C.A., Government Code, Section 74.025.
3. **Continuing Education and Technical Assistance for Prosecutors and Criminal Defense Attorneys.**
  - a. The Court of Criminal Appeals is authorized to contract with a statewide professional association of prosecuting attorneys whose purposes include providing continuing legal education courses, programs and technical assistance projects for prosecutors and prosecutor office personnel, provided, however, that such contract shall not exceed \$700,000 in fiscal year 2000 and \$700,000 and U.B. in fiscal year 2001.
  - b. The Court of Criminal Appeals is authorized to contract with a statewide professional association of criminal defense attorneys whose purposes include providing continuing legal education courses, programs and technical assistance projects for criminal defense attorneys who regularly represent indigent defendants in criminal matters, provided, however, that such contract shall not exceed \$200,000 in fiscal year 2000 and \$200,000 and U.B. in fiscal year 2001.
  - c. Funds may be expended pursuant to this provision only out of the appropriation made above out of the Judicial and Court Personnel Training Fund No. 540.
4. **Limitation, Judicial Education.** Out of the amounts appropriated above in Item 2., Judicial and Court Personnel Training, \$177,500 in fiscal year 2000 and \$177,500 and U.B. in fiscal year 2001 may be expended only for the purpose of providing continuing judicial education courses, programs and technical assistance projects for judges of county courts performing judicial functions. The limitation imposed by this provision shall apply only to that portion of the identified appropriation funded out of the General Revenue Fund as identified in the Method of Financing.

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5. **Judicial Education: Reimbursement for Travel Expenses.** Funds appropriated above in Item 2., Judicial and Court Personnel Training, for the purposes established in Section 56.003(b) of the Government Code, may be granted only pursuant to a grant contract which provides for the reimbursement of expenses of judges pursuant to the provisions of Section 74.062 of the Government Code. This provision shall not apply to funds granted for the purpose of providing continuing legal education for judges of county courts performing judicial functions.
6. **Contingency Transfer: House Bill 1516.** Contingent on enactment of House Bill 1516, or similar legislation relating to representation of applicants for writs of habeas corpus in capital cases, \$4,000,000 out of Item 3., Death Penalty Habeas Representation, is transferred to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, Judiciary Section for use pursuant to House Bill 1516 and Chapter 319, Acts 1995, Seventy-fourth Legislature, Regular Session. Upon approval by the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall issue a warrant to reimburse attorneys appointed by the Court of Criminal Appeals.
7. **Contingency Appropriation: Senate Bill 1187.** Contingent on enactment of Senate Bill 1187, or similar legislation, by the Seventy-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, the Court of Criminal Appeals is hereby appropriated \$1,540,000 for fiscal year 2000 and \$3,850,000 for fiscal year 2001 out of the Judicial and Court Personnel Training Fund (No. 540). Notwithstanding other provisions in this Act, the following provisions are in effect:
  - a. \$155,000 in fiscal year 2000 and \$297,500 and U.B. in fiscal year 2001 shall be expended for the continuing legal education of judges of county courts performing judicial functions.
  - b. an amount not to exceed \$980,000 in fiscal year 2000 and \$1,400,000 and U.B. in fiscal year 2001 shall be expended as contracts for the purpose of providing continuing legal education courses, programs and technical assistance projects to prosecutors and prosecutor office personnel.
  - c. an amount not to exceed \$280,000 in fiscal year 2000 and \$400,000 and U.B. in fiscal year 2001 shall be expended as contracts for the purpose of providing continuing legal education courses, programs and technical assistance projects to criminal defense attorneys who regularly represent indigent defendants in criminal matters.

**FIRST COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, HOUSTON**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
<b>Out of the General Revenue Fund:</b>		
1. Appellate Court Operations	\$ 2,468,641	\$ 2,194,891 & U.B.
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	95%	95%
Average Percent of Cases Under Submission for More than 12 Months	5%	5%
Average Percent of Cases Filed But Not Yet Disposed for More than 24 Months	5%	5%
<b>Grand Total, FIRST COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, HOUSTON</b>	\$ 2,468,641	\$ 2,194,891

**FIRST COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, HOUSTON**  
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<b>Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)</b>	41.5	41.5
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions</b>		
Chief Justice	\$107,850	\$107,850
Justice	(8) 107,350	(8) 107,350

**SECOND COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, FORT WORTH**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Out of the General Revenue Fund:</b>		
1. Appellate Court Operations	\$ 2,054,675	\$ 1,808,425 & U.B.
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%
Average Percent of Cases Under Submission for More than 12 Months	0%	0%
Average Percent of Cases Filed But Not Yet Disposed for More than 24 Months	0%	0%
<b>Grand Total, SECOND COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, FORT WORTH</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,054,675</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,808,425</u></b>
<b>Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)</b>	37.0	37.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions</b>		
Chief Justice	\$107,850	\$107,850
Justice	(6) 107,350	(6) 107,350

1. **Workers Compensation Exemption.** Funds appropriated above in Item 1., Appellate Court Operations, shall not be subject to the workers compensation reimbursement requirements contained in this Act in Article IX in the provision entitled Reimbursements for Workers' Compensation Payments for claims for injuries or illness sustained or resulting from the events of July 1, 1992.

### THIRD COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, AUSTIN

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
<b>Out of the General Revenue Fund:</b>		
1. Appellate Court Operations	\$ 1,848,322	\$ 1,615,822
		<u>&amp; U.B.</u>
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%
Average Percent of Cases Under Submission for More than 12 Months	0%	0%
Average Percent of Cases Filed But Not Yet Disposed for More than 24 Months	0%	0%
<b>Grand Total, THIRD COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, AUSTIN</b>	<u>\$ 1,848,322</u>	<u>\$ 1,615,822</u>
<b>Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)</b>	32.0	32.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions</b>		
Chief Justice	\$107,850	\$107,850
Justice	(5) 107,350	(5) 107,350

### FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, SAN ANTONIO

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
<b>Out of the General Revenue Fund:</b>		
1. Appellate Court Operations	\$ 2,052,275	\$ 1,806,025
		<u>&amp; U.B.</u>
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%
Average Percent of Cases Under Submission for More than 12 Months	0%	0%
Average Percent of Cases Filed But Not Yet Disposed for More than 24 Months	0%	0%
<b>Grand Total, FOURTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, SAN ANTONIO</b>	<u>\$ 2,052,275</u>	<u>\$ 1,806,025</u>
<b>Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)</b>	34.0	34.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions</b>		
Chief Justice	\$107,850	\$107,850
Justice	(6) 107,350	(6) 107,350

## FIFTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, DALLAS

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
<b>Out of the General Revenue Fund:</b>		
1. Appellate Court Operations	\$ 3,482,194	\$ 3,153,444 & U.B.
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	95%	95%
Average Percent of Cases Under Submission for More than 12 Months	5%	5%
Average Percent of Cases Filed But Not Yet Disposed for More than 24 Months	5%	5%
<b>Grand Total, FIFTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, DALLAS</b>	<b>\$ 3,482,194</b>	<b>\$ 3,153,444</b>
<b>Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)</b>	56.0	56.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions</b>		
Chief Justice	\$107,850	\$107,850
Justice	(12) 107,350	(12) 107,350

## SIXTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, TEXARKANA

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
<b>Out of the General Revenue Fund:</b>		
1. Appellate Court Operations	\$ 1,073,129	\$ 881,879 & U.B.
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%
Average Percent of Cases Under Submission for More than 12 Months	0%	0%
Average Percent of Cases Filed But Not Yet Disposed for More than 24 Months	0%	0%
<b>Grand Total, SIXTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, TEXARKANA</b>	<b>\$ 1,073,129</b>	<b>\$ 881,879</b>
<b>Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)</b>	16.5	16.5
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions</b>		
Chief Justice	\$107,850	\$107,850
Justice	(2) 107,350	(2) 107,350

**SEVENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, AMARILLO**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Out of the General Revenue Fund:</b>		
1. Appellate Court Operations	\$ 1,318,291	\$ 1,113,291
		<b>&amp; U.B.</b>
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%
Average Percent of Cases Under Submission for More than 12 Months	0%	0%
Average Percent of Cases Filed But Not Yet Disposed for More than 24 Months	0%	0%
 <b>Grand Total, SEVENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, AMARILLO</b>	 <b><u>\$ 1,318,291</u></b>	 <b><u>\$ 1,113,291</u></b>
 <b>Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)</b>	 22.5	 22.5
 <b>Schedule of Exempt Positions</b>		
Chief Justice	\$107,850	\$107,850
Justice	(3) 107,350	(3) 107,350

**EIGHTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, EL PASO**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Out of the General Revenue Fund:</b>		
1. Appellate Court Operations	\$ 1,317,402	\$ 1,112,402
		<b>&amp; U.B.</b>
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%
Average Percent of Cases Under Submission for More than 12 Months	0%	0%
Average Percent of Cases Filed But Not Yet Disposed for More than 24 Months	0%	0%
 <b>Grand Total, EIGHTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, EL PASO</b>	 <b><u>\$ 1,317,402</u></b>	 <b><u>\$ 1,112,402</u></b>
 <b>Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)</b>	 22.0	 22.0
 <b>Schedule of Exempt Positions</b>		
Chief Justice	\$107,850	\$107,850
Justice	(3) 107,350	(3) 107,350

## NINTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, BEAUMONT

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
<b>Out of the General Revenue Fund:</b>		
1. Appellate Court Operations	\$ 1,073,679	\$ 882,529 & U.B.
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%
Average Percent of Cases Under Submission for More than 12 Months	0%	0%
Average Percent of Cases Filed But Not Yet Disposed for More than 24 Months	0%	0%
<b>Grand Total, NINTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, BEAUMONT</b>	<b>\$ 1,073,679</b>	<b>\$ 882,529</b>
<b>Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)</b>	17.0	17.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions</b>		
Chief Justice	\$107,850	\$107,850
Justice	(2) 107,350	(2) 107,350

## TENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, WACO

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
<b>Out of the General Revenue Fund:</b>		
1. Appellate Court Operations	\$ 1,053,403	\$ 862,152 & U.B.
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%
Average Percent of Cases Under Submission for More than 12 Months	0%	0%
Average Percent of Cases Filed But Not Yet Disposed for More than 24 Months	0%	0%
<b>Grand Total, TENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, WACO</b>	<b>\$ 1,053,403</b>	<b>\$ 862,152</b>
<b>Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)</b>	17.5	17.5
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions</b>		
Chief Justice	\$107,850	\$107,850
Justice	(2) 107,350	(2) 107,350

## ELEVENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, EASTLAND

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
<b>Out of the General Revenue Fund:</b>		
1. Appellate Court Operations	\$ 1,068,929	\$ 877,679 & U.B.
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%
Average Percent of Cases Under Submission for More than 12 Months	0%	0%
Average Percent of Cases Filed But Not Yet Disposed for More than 24 Months	0%	0%
<b>Grand Total, ELEVENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, EASTLAND</b>	<b>\$ 1,068,929</b>	<b>\$ 877,679</b>
<b>Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)</b>	16.0	16.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions</b>		
Chief Justice	\$107,850	\$107,850
Justice	(2) 107,350	(2) 107,350

## TWELFTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, TYLER

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
<b>Out of the General Revenue Fund:</b>		
1. Appellate Court Operations	\$ 1,074,929	\$ 883,679 & U.B.
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%
Average Percent of Cases Under Submission for More than 12 Months	0%	0%
Average Percent of Cases Filed But Not Yet Disposed for More than 24 Months	0%	0%
<b>Grand Total, TWELFTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, TYLER</b>	<b>\$ 1,074,929</b>	<b>\$ 883,679</b>
<b>Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)</b>	16.0	16.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions</b>		
Chief Justice	\$107,850	\$107,850
Justice	(2) 107,350	(2) 107,350

**THIRTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, CORPUS CHRISTI**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Out of the General Revenue Fund:</b>		
1. Appellate Court Operations	\$ 1,845,322	\$ 1,612,822 & U.B.
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	100%	100%
Average Percent of Cases Under Submission for More than 12 Months	0%	0%
Average Percent of Cases Filed But Not Yet Disposed for More than 24 Months	0%	0%
<b>Grand Total, THIRTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, CORPUS CHRISTI</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,845,322</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,612,822</u></b>
<b>Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)</b>	29.0	29.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions</b>		
Chief Justice	\$107,850	\$107,850
Justice	(5) 107,350	(5) 107,350

**FOURTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, HOUSTON**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Out of the General Revenue Fund:</b>		
1. Appellate Court Operations	\$ 2,469,841	\$ 2,196,091 & U.B.
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Clearance Rate	95%	95%
Average Percent of Cases Under Submission for More than 12 Months	5%	5%
Average Percent of Cases Filed But Not Yet Disposed for More than 24 Months	5%	5%
<b>Grand Total, FOURTEENTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, HOUSTON</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,469,841</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,196,091</u></b>
<b>Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)</b>	39.0	39.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions</b>		
Chief Justice	\$107,850	\$107,850
Justice	(8) 107,350	(8) 107,350

**OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION, TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
1. Court Administration	\$ 1,864,961	\$ 1,822,624
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Clients Rating Service as Satisfactory	85%	85%
Number of New Collections Programs Implemented or Existing Programs Expanded	6	6
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of Hours of Legal Research for Customers	3,648	3,648
Number of Technology Pilot Projects Initiated	4	4
2. Judicial Committee on Information Technology	\$ 6,000,346	\$ 3,796,670
		& U.B.
3. Equalization of the Courts of Appeals Dockets	\$ 34,665	\$ 34,665
		& U.B.
4. Assistance to the Administrative Judicial Regions	\$ 195,127	\$ 195,367
5. Title IV-D Masters and Assistants Program	<u>\$ 4,494,704</u>	<u>\$ 4,973,930</u>
<b>Grand Total, OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION, TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL</b>	<u>\$ 12,589,803</u>	<u>\$ 10,823,256</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 7,907,772	\$ 5,736,968
Interagency Contracts	<u>4,682,031</u>	<u>5,086,288</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 12,589,803</u>	<u>\$ 10,823,256</u>
<b>Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)</b>	129.0	139.0
<b>Number of FTEs in Riders</b>	36.0	44.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions</b>		
Administrative Director, Group 4	\$98,000	\$98,000

1. **Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of V.T.C.S., Art. 601d, Sec. 9A.

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
Out of the General Revenue Fund:		
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) Appellate Court Technology	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 500,000
(2) Judicial Information Management System	<u>\$ 520,000</u>	<u>\$ 520,000</u>
<b>Total, Capital Budget</b>	<u>\$ 2,420,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,020,000</u>

**OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION, TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL**  
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2. **Judicial Technology.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Office of Court Administration provide staff and operational support for the Judicial Committee on Information Technology, and technology support for the State Law Library.
3. **State Telecommunications Network Infrastructure.** Out of the amounts appropriated above, such sums, as may be necessary, shall be expended only for the purposes of assisting the Judicial Committee on Information Technology in the development and implementation of a statewide telecommunications network for use by the courts. This network shall be compatible with and at least as cost effective as the upgraded Department of Public Safety Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunication System. Such network will be based on a telecommunications plan developed by the Judicial Committee on Information Technology pursuant to the provisions of Section 77.031, Texas Government Code, and shall be subject to joint approval of the Department of Information Resources and the General Services Commission pursuant to Subchapter H, Chapter 2054 et al, Texas Government Code.
4. **Restriction, Assistance to the Administrative Judicial Regions.** Funds appropriated in Item 3.\*, Assistance to the Administrative Judicial Regions, may be used only for the payment of salaries of administrative assistants employed by the presiding judges of the Administrative Judicial Regions pursuant to V.T.C.A., Government Code, Section 74.050, as amended. The salaries paid the administrative assistants may be supplemented from sources other than appropriations provided by this Act.
5. **Appellate Court Performance Reporting.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Texas Judicial Council develop measures which evaluate the work of individual justices on the courts of appeals. The measures developed by the Texas Judicial Council must be approved by the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office. The data obtained for these measures will be reported in the Texas Judicial System Annual Report.
6. **District Court Performance Measures.** The Office of Court Administration and the Texas Judicial Council shall engage in a pilot project to develop and implement performance measures for the individual district courts of this state. This study shall include no fewer than twenty courts of varying jurisdictions. The Office of Court Administration shall report the results of this study to the Legislature and the Governor no later than January 2001.
7. **Student Loan Repayment Program.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Item 1., Court Administration, the sum of \$255,763 in fiscal year 2000 and \$255,763 in fiscal year 2001, shall be expended for the subsidization of the repayment of student loans of those with proven need who accept clerkships or temporary attorney positions in the courts. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Texas Judicial Council, in connection with an advisory group that includes law school deans, define specific criteria for loan repayment assistance, and for the administration of the program.
8. **Contingency Appropriation: Senate Bill 1735.** Contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 1735, Seventy-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, the Office of Court Administration is hereby appropriated out of the General Revenue Fund \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2001 for the creation of eight foster care courts. The Office of Court Administration is hereby authorized to transfer the appropriation made pursuant to this provision to the appropriate line items listed above. Also contingent on the enactment of Senate Bill 1735, or similar legislation, the "Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)" figure indicated above is hereby increased by 8 in fiscal year 2001. In no event shall the appropriation made or the additional FTE's granted by this provision be used to offset the Office of Court Administration's expenses related to the administration of the foster care court program.

\* *Should read "Item 4...."*

**OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION, TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL**  
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9. **Contingency Increase in Full-time Equivalents: House Bill 3272** Contingent on the enactment of House Bill 3272, Seventy-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, or similar legislation, the "Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)" figure indicated above is hereby increased by an amount determined under the provisions of the legislation, not to exceed 36 in each fiscal year of the biennium.

**OFFICE OF THE STATE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
<b>Out of the General Revenue Fund:</b>		
1. Representation of the State Before the Court of Criminal Appeals	\$ 336,415	\$ 336,415 & U.B.
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b> Petitions for Discretionary Review Granted by the Court of Criminal Appeals	20	20
<b>Grand Total, OFFICE OF THE STATE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY</b>	<u>\$ 336,415</u>	<u>\$ 336,415</u>
<b>Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)</b>	5.0	5.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions</b> State Prosecuting Attorney	\$87,000	\$87,000

**STATE LAW LIBRARY**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
1. Administration and Operations	\$ 956,052	\$ 872,082
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b> Percent of Positive Evaluations of Library Service by Library Users	90%	90%
<b>Grand Total, STATE LAW LIBRARY</b>	<u>\$ 956,052</u>	<u>\$ 872,082</u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund	\$ 891,683	\$ 807,713
Appropriated Receipts	54,712	54,712
Interagency Contracts	<u>9,657</u>	<u>9,657</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u>\$ 956,052</u>	<u>\$ 872,082</u>

**STATE LAW LIBRARY**  
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<b>Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)</b>	11.5	11.5
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions</b>		
Director, Group 1	\$58,000	\$58,000

1. **Capital Budget.** None of the funds appropriated above may be expended for capital budget items except as listed below. The amounts shown below shall be expended only for the purposes shown and are not available for expenditure for other purposes. Amounts appropriated above and identified in this provision as appropriations either for "Lease Payments to the Master Lease Purchase Program" or for items with an "(MLPP)" notation shall be expended only for the purpose of making lease-purchase payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority pursuant to the provisions of V.T.C.S., Art. 601d, Sec. 9A.

	2000	2001
Out of the General Revenue Fund:		
a. Acquisition of Information Resource Technologies		
(1) New and Replacement Computers	\$ 66,270	\$ U.B.
Total, Capital Budget	\$ 66,270	\$ U.B.

2. **Appropriation of Receipts: Fees and Service Charges.** All receipts collected by the State Law Library as fees and service charges, as authorized pursuant to V.T.C.A., Government Code, Section 91.011, are hereby appropriated to the State Law Library for the biennium beginning September 1, 1999.
3. **Computer-based Legal Research Services.** The State Law Library is hereby authorized to enter into interagency contracts with other state agencies and the courts for providing a computer based legal research service. The State Law Library shall charge an amount for this service equal to the cost to the library for providing this service.
4. **Fee Schedule, Duplication Services.** The State Law Library shall set a fee schedule for duplication services to the inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice at the same amount per page as charged to the general public.
5. **Unexpended Balances.** Any unexpended and unobligated balances remaining in Item 1., Administration and Operations, as of August 31, 2000, are hereby reappropriated, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, to the State Law Library for the purpose of acquiring legal reference materials.

## COURT REPORTERS CERTIFICATION BOARD

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
<b>Out of the General Revenue Fund:</b>		
1. Examination and Certification	\$ 111,102	\$ 111,187
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percent of Complaints Resulting in Disciplinary Action	18%	18%
Percent of Licensees with No Recent Violations	99%	99%
<b>Output (Volume):</b>		
Number of New Licenses Issued to Individuals	100	100
Number of Complaints Resolved	12	12
<b>Efficiencies:</b>		
Average Licensing Cost Per Individual License Issued	17	17
Average Time (Days) for Complaint Resolution	120	120
<b>Grand Total, COURT REPORTERS CERTIFICATION BOARD</b>	<b>\$ 111,102</b>	<b>\$ 111,187</b>
<b>Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act</b>	\$ 49,353	\$ 49,665
<b>Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)</b>	3.0	3.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions</b>		
Executive Director, Group 1	\$52,000	\$52,000

1. **Appropriations Limited to Revenue Collections.** It is the intent of the Legislature that fees, fines and other miscellaneous revenues as authorized and generated by the agency cover, at a minimum, the cost of the appropriations made above as well as an amount equal to the amount identified above in the informational item "Other Direct and Indirect Costs Appropriated Elsewhere in this Act." In the event that actual and/or projected revenue collections are insufficient to offset the costs identified by this provision, the Legislative Budget Board may direct that the Comptroller of Public Accounts reduce the appropriation authority provided above to be within the amount of revenue expected to be available.
  
2. **Contingency Appropriation: Senate Bill 424.** Contingent upon the enactment of Senate Bill 424, or similar legislation relating to the examination required for certification as a court reporter, by the Seventy-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, the Court Reporters Certification Board is hereby appropriated \$1,065 for fiscal year 2000 and \$5,420 for fiscal year 2001 out of the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of implementing that Act. Such appropriations are also contingent on the Court Reporters Certification Board assessing fees sufficient to generate, during the 2000-01 biennium, \$6,485 in excess of \$506,500, Object Code 3175, contained in the Comptroller of Public Accounts' Biennial Revenue Estimate for 2000 and 2001. The Court Reporters Certification Board, upon completion of necessary actions to assess or increase such additional fees, shall furnish copies of board minutes and other information supporting the estimated revenues to be generated for the 2000-01 biennium under the revised fee structure to the Comptroller of Public Accounts. If the Comptroller finds the information sufficient to support the projection of increased revenues, a finding of fact to that effect shall be issued and the contingent appropriation shall be made available for the intended purposes.

## STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
<b>Out of the General Revenue Fund:</b>		
1. Administration and Enforcement	\$ 706,102	\$ 706,102
<b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>		
Percentage of Complaints Disposed of	100%	100%
<b>Grand Total, STATE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL CONDUCT</b>	<b>\$ 706,102</b>	<b>\$ 706,102</b>
<b>Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)</b>	15.0	15.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions</b>		
Executive Director, Group 3	\$90,000	\$90,000

1. **Unexpended Balances.** The State Commission on Judicial Conduct is hereby authorized to carry forward unexpended balances from fiscal year 2000 into fiscal year 2001 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.
2. **Commission Member Training.** The State Commission on Judicial Conduct shall make arrangements with the Governor's office to provide training for newly appointed members of the Commission regarding responsibilities of office, matters of public policy, and ethics.

## JUDICIARY SECTION, COMPTROLLER'S DEPARTMENT

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
1. Salaries for District Judges and Criminal District Judges of the existing three-hundred-ninety-six (396) judicial district courts at \$101,700 (2000) and \$101,700 (2001); former district judges called to duty as visiting judges per V.T.C.A., Government Code, Section 74.061; and salaries of retired district judges assigned to special juvenile courts or domestic relations courts per Government Code, Section 24.604(f); Special Judges salaries per Government Code, Section 32.302; estimated to be	\$ 42,521,363	\$ 42,521,363
2. Expenses of district judges while engaged in the actual performance of their duties whose judicial district is composed of more than one (1) county per Government Code, Section 24.019, not to exceed \$1,500 per county	\$ 505,500	\$ 505,500
3. Per diem for active, retired, and former district judges and statutory county court of law judges serving on assignment and the per diem and expenses for active and retired justices and judges of the Supreme Court,		

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<p>Court of Criminal Appeals, or of a Court of Appeals when holding court out of their district or county when assigned per V.T.C.A., Government Code, Chapter 74; estimated to be</p> <p>4. Salaries of seventeen (17) District Attorneys compensated on a salary basis by the State per Government Code, Chapter 43, at \$81,360 (2000) and \$81,360 (2001)</p> <p>5. Salaries of one hundred and thirty-two (132) District Attorneys, Criminal District Attorneys and County Attorneys performing the duties of a district attorney that are prohibited from the private practice of law by Government Code, Section 46.002 and are compensated on a salary basis by the State at \$101,700 (2000) and \$101,700 (2001)</p> <p>6. Salary supplementation for two (2) Assistant District Attorneys of the Fifty-third Judicial District (Travis County) per Government Code, Section 43.132, at \$2,808 (2000) and \$2,808 (2001)</p> <p>7. Expenses of felony prosecutors while engaged in the actual performance of their duties whose prosecutorial district is composed of more than one (1) county per Government Code Section 43.004, not to exceed \$1,750 per county</p> <p>8. Salaries of one (1) Criminal District Attorney per Government Code, Section 44.220 (Jackson); and one (1) County Attorney performing the duties of a district attorney per Government Code, Section 45.175 (Fayette): all at \$81,360 (2000) and \$81,360 (2001)</p> <p>9. For the payment of salaries of Assistant District Attorneys, investigators and/or secretarial help and expenses, including travel for these personnel as determined by the District Attorney, Criminal District Attorney and County Attorneys designated in Items No. 4., 5., 8., 11., and 12. Reimbursement shall be limited to expenses for supplies or items which would normally be consumed or utilized within the fiscal year for which the funds in this item are designated. Payments shall not exceed \$34,450 per district per year in multi-county districts and \$17,050 per district per year in single-county districts and \$34,450 for both multi-county and single-county districts for those District Attorneys, Criminal District Attorneys and County Attorneys performing the duties of a district attorney prohibited from the private practice of law per Government Code, Chapter 46; and shall be made available in three equal installments issued on the first day of September, January and May of each fiscal year. These payments shall be made directly to the District Attorney, Criminal District Attorney, or County Attorney for the purposes of disbursement as required by the attorney. The attorney receiving these payments shall be responsible to the Comptroller for accounting for all expenditures of these funds.</p> <p>10. Apportionment to fund the operation of the Public Integrity Unit in the District Attorney's Office of the</p>	<p>\$ 302,000</p> <p>\$ 1,383,120</p> <p>\$ 13,424,400</p> <p>\$ 5,616</p> <p>\$ 293,500</p> <p>\$ 162,720</p> <p>\$ 5,183,500</p>	<p>\$ 302,000</p> <p>\$ 1,383,120</p> <p>\$ 13,424,400</p> <p>\$ 5,616</p> <p>\$ 293,500</p> <p>\$ 162,720</p> <p>\$ 5,183,500</p>
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<p>Fifty-third Judicial District (Travis County) for the payment of salaries and other necessary expenses for the operation of the Public Integrity Unit to be used for the investigation and prosecution of motor fuel tax fraud cases; insurance fraud cases; offenses involving an elected or appointed official of state government or an officer or employee of an agency of the state; and offenses relating to state government with respect to which prosecution, jurisdiction and venue, by law, lie in Travis County</p> <p><b>Outcome (Results/Impact):</b>  Motor Fuel Tax Restitution Recovered by the Comptroller's Office in Public Integrity Unit Cases  Insurance Fraud Restitution Recovered During the Reporting Period by State Guaranty Fund or Victims in Public Integrity Unit Cases  State/General Restitution Recovered During the Reporting Period for Public Integrity Unit Cases</p>	<p>\$ 2,160,248</p>	<p>\$ 2,204,494</p>
<p>11. Apportionment payable to County Officers Salary Fund in counties where there is a District Attorney per Government Code, Section 43.180 (Harris), and a Criminal District Attorney per Government Code, Section 44.157(f) (Dallas), not receiving a state salary, both pursuant to Government Code, Section 41.201; estimated to be</p>	<p>\$ 186,840</p>	<p>\$ 186,840</p>
<p>12. Salary apportionment payable to the Officer Salary Fund for a County Attorney performing the duties of a district attorney in Oldham County per Government Code, Section 45.280; estimated to be</p>	<p>\$ 24,408</p>	<p>\$ 24,408</p>
<p>13. Expenses of witnesses called in criminal proceedings who reside outside of the county where the trial is held pursuant to Articles 24.28 and 35.27, Code of Criminal Procedure, V.T.C.A.; estimated to be</p>	<p>\$ 1,100,000</p>	<p>\$ 1,100,000</p>
<p>14. Prison Prosecution Unit</p>	<p>\$ 1,064,576</p>	<p>\$ 1,044,576</p>
<p>15. Provide payment to retired JRS members who are assigned to administrative judicial regions as visiting judges. Estimated.</p>	<p>\$ 5,509,425</p>	<p>\$ 5,509,425</p>
<p>16. Provide payment to retired JRS members who are assigned to appellate courts as visiting judges. Estimated.</p>	<p>\$ 938,300</p>	<p>\$ 938,300</p>
<p>17. Provide salary supplement to County Judges whose functions are at least 40% judicial pursuant to V.T.C.A., Government Code, Section 26.006. Provide salary supplement to Local Administrative Judges who serve in counties with more than six district courts pursuant to V.T.C.A., Government Code, Section 659.0125. Estimated.</p>	<p>\$ 1,020,000</p>	<p>\$ 1,020,000</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Grand Total, JUDICIARY SECTION, COMPTROLLER'S DEPARTMENT</b></p>	<p><u>\$ 75,785,516</u></p>	<p><u>\$ 75,809,762</u></p>
<p><b>Method of Financing:</b>  General Revenue Fund, Estimated  General Revenue Fund - Dedicated - Texas Department of Insurance Operating Fund Account No. 036</p>	<p>\$ 61,083,122</p> <p>907,976</p>	<p>\$ 61,062,851</p> <p>932,169</p>

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<u>Other Funds</u>		
State Highway Fund No. 006	749,842	770,166
Criminal Justice Grants	1,044,576	1,044,576
Judicial Fund No. 573	<u>12,000,000</u>	<u>12,000,000</u>
Subtotal, Other Funds	<u>\$ 13,794,418</u>	<u>\$ 13,814,742</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><b>\$ 75,785,516</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 75,809,762</b></u>
<b>Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)</b>	549.0	549.0
<b>Schedule of Exempt Positions</b>		
District Judges and Criminal District Judges (Item 1.)	(396) \$101,700	(396) \$101,700
District Attorneys, Criminal District Attorneys, and County Attorneys performing the duties of District Attorney (Items 4. and 8.)	(19) 81,360	(19) 81,360
District Attorneys, Criminal District Attorneys, and County Attorneys performing the duties of District Attorney, subject to Government Code, Chapter 46 (Item 5.)	(132) 101,700	(132) 101,700
Assistant District Attorneys, Fifty-third Judicial District (Travis County) (Item 6.)	(2) 2,808	(2) 2,808

1. **Appropriation Source.** Pursuant to V.T.C.A., Government Code, Section 21.006, all revenues to, and fund balances in, the Judicial Fund No. 573, which are not deposited into the Basic Civil Legal Services account, are hereby appropriated to the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department. In the event that revenues into Fund No. 573 during a fiscal year exceed the amount identified in the Method of Financing as being appropriated out of Fund No. 573 in this Act for that fiscal year the difference shall be appropriated to the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department and the General Revenue Fund appropriation for that fiscal year shall be reduced by a like amount.
2. **Appropriation Source, Public Integrity Unit.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Item 10., \$1,657,818 in fiscal year 2000 and \$1,702,335 in fiscal year 2001 is appropriated specifically to facilitate motor fuel tax fraud and insurance fraud investigations by the Public Integrity Unit in the District Attorney's Office of the Fifty-third Judicial District. It is the intent of the Legislature that the funds specified in the Method of Financing as being appropriated out of the State Highway Fund No. 006 and the General Revenue Fund - Dedicated, Insurance Operating Account be allocated to the appropriation made above in Item 10. In no event shall the amount of general revenue funds allocated and/or granted to the Public Integrity Unit, other than the General Revenue Fund - Dedicated Insurance Operating Account Grants identified in this provision, exceed \$502,430 in fiscal year 2000 and \$502,159 in fiscal year 2001. In no event shall any funds appropriated above out of the Judicial Fund No. 573 be allocated to the Public Integrity Unit.
3. **Appropriation of Receipts, County Court Filing Fees and Court Costs.** The Comptroller of Public Accounts is hereby appropriated all revenues remitted to the state pursuant to V.T.C.A., Government Code, Section 51.702(d), (Section 67, House Bill 66, Seventy-second Legislature, Regular Session), for the purpose of making payments to counties eligible for compensation pursuant to V.T.C.A., Government Code, Section 25.0015. The amount of payment made to an eligible county pursuant to this provision shall not exceed \$30,000 for each statutory county court judge in that county who meets the criteria established in V.T.C.A., Government Code, Section 25.0015(a).

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In the event that the aggregate amount of revenue remitted to the state pursuant to Section 51.702(d) during a state fiscal year exceeds the aggregate amount of payments made to counties pursuant to Section 25.0015 for that fiscal year the excess amount is hereby appropriated to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for the purpose of remittance to counties pursuant to V.T.C.A., Government Code, Section 25.0016.

4. **Salary Limitation, District Judges.** Funds appropriated above in Item 1 shall be expended for the payment of the state salary for each district judge. However, in no event shall the aggregate, excluding any county supplement, of the state paid salary and any service retirement annuity paid pursuant to Government Code Chapter 834 exceed the base salary for any district court judge during any twelve month period. If a district judge draws a salary as a district judge and a retirement annuity pursuant to Government Code, Chapter 834, and the combined amounts exceed the annual base salary for a district judge, the amount expended out of Item 1 for the state salary of that district judge shall be reduced by an amount which will bring the total amount received by the judge to the base salary paid a district judge for a twelve month period. This provision does not apply to either retired or former judges or justices called to duty as visiting judges pursuant to Government Code Chapters 74 and 75 and Section 24.604 of the Government Code.
5. **Prison Prosecution Unit.** Out of the funds appropriated above in Item 14 and under the authority of Article 104.003, Code of Criminal Procedure, and Article V, Section 21 of the Texas Constitution, Walker County is allocated an amount not to exceed \$1,044,576 in criminal justice grants in each year of the biennium, through the Judiciary Section of the Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts, for the payment of salaries and other necessary expenses for the operation of the Special Prison Prosecution Unit. The funds are to be used for the investigation and prosecution of felony offenses committed by prisoners of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and for the investigation and prosecution of other felonies and misdemeanors committed by agency employees and others when criminal conduct affects the operation of the agency in the various counties of the State where Texas Department of Criminal Justice facilities are located.

Out of the funds appropriated above in Item 14 and under the authority of Article 104.003, Code of Criminal Procedure, and Article V, Section 21 of the Texas Constitution, Walker County is allocated an amount not to exceed \$20,000 in fiscal year 2000 from General Revenue for the purchase of vehicles for the Special Prison Prosecution Unit.

The funds appropriated above in Item 14 shall be used to employ the services of legal and support staff plus the payment of their necessary capital and operating expenses in carrying out the purposes of the Special Prison Prosecution Unit as established by its Board of Directors which is made up of those elected prosecutors who have Texas Department of Criminal Justice facilities within their respective counties.

Walker County is the designated agency to administer the funds provided for the support of the Special Prison Prosecution Unit. Walker County shall submit a voucher containing an itemized statement of expenses to include salaries, fringe benefits and authorized expenses incurred to the Comptroller's Judiciary Section each month of the fiscal year. Such vouchers shall be reviewed by the Walker County Auditor's Office to ensure compliance with applicable State and County regulations concerning the expenditures of public funds. Upon receipt of said vouchers, the Comptroller's Judiciary Section shall issue warrants each month to reimburse Walker County. The total reimbursement each year shall not exceed the amount appropriated.

The Special Prison Prosecution Unit shall submit an annual report to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office of Budget and Planning comparing the activities of the unit to the activities outlined in the grant application made to the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Office and detailing the expenditure of the funds.

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6. **Vehicle Sale.** Prior to the Department of Public Safety's first public sale of vehicles following the effective date of this Act, the Department of Public Safety shall transfer five of the vehicles to be offered for public sale to Walker County for the sum of \$20,000. The vehicles transferred from the Department of Public Safety are for the sole use of the Special Prison Prosecution Unit.
7. **Trial Court Measures.** Each district court judge shall provide an annual report no later than September 20, to the Office of Court Administration, indicating the Clearance Rate during the previous year. A Clearance Rate is calculated by dividing the total number of cases disposed by the total number of cases added to the docket.
8. **Contingency Appropriation, New District Courts.** Contingent on the enactment of House Bill 400, Seventy-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, or similar legislation, the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department is hereby appropriated out of the General Revenue Fund \$101,700 each fiscal year of the biennium for each additional district court created effective September 1, 1999 and a pro rata amount out of the General Revenue Fund for each additional district court created with an effective date after September 1, 1999 pursuant to House Bill 400. (Estimated to be \$2,895,433). Also contingent on the enactment of House Bill 400, or similar legislation, the "Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)" figure indicated above is hereby increased by 1 for each district court created. (Estimated to be 12)
9. **Contingency Appropriation, Professional Prosecutors.** Contingent upon the enactment of Senate Bill 1831, House Bill 524, House Bill 2758, or similar legislation, the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department is hereby appropriated out of the General Revenue Fund amounts necessary to provide for the increased salary of each felony prosecutor placed under the application of Government Code, Section 46.002, by the Seventy-sixth Legislature, Regular Session. The Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department is also appropriated amounts necessary to increase the apportionment of each felony prosecutor to \$34,450 annually. The Comptroller is hereby authorized to transfer the appropriations made herein to the appropriate line items to implement the provisions of the legislation. (Estimated to be \$275,730).
10. **Contingency Appropriation: House Bill 2246.** Contingent on the enactment of House Bill 2246, or similar legislation, Seventy-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department is hereby appropriated out of the General Revenue Fund \$39,708 each fiscal year of the biennium to provide for the salary supplement and office expense of the County Attorney performing the duties of a district attorney in Rains County pursuant to Government Code, Section 45.290. The Comptroller is hereby authorized to transfer the appropriations made herein to the appropriate line items to implement the provisions of the legislation.
11. **Contingency Appropriation: House Bill 804.** Contingent on the enactment of House Bill 804, Seventy-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, or similar legislation, the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department is hereby appropriated out of the General Revenue Fund amounts necessary to provide for salary supplements to county attorneys and county prosecutors pursuant to House Bill 804. (Estimated to be \$9,076,364)
12. **Contingency Appropriation: House Bill 1123.** Contingent upon the enactment of Senate Bill 1123, or similar legislation, the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department is hereby appropriated out of the General Revenue Fund amounts necessary to provide for a \$5,000 state salary supplement to statutory county court judges pursuant to the provisions of House Bill 1123. (Estimated to be \$1,427,917)
13. **Contingency Appropriation: House Bill 3211.** Contingent on the enactment of House Bill 3211, Seventy-sixth Legislature, Regular Session, or similar legislation, the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department is hereby appropriated all revenues remitted to the state pursuant to Government Code, Section 51.703 (House Bill 3211, Seventy-sixth Legislature, Regular

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Session) for the purpose of making payments to counties eligible for compensation pursuant to Government Code, Section 26.007. The amount of the payment made to eligible counties shall be \$5,000.

In the event that the aggregate amount of revenue remitted to the state pursuant to Government Code, Section 51.703 during a state fiscal year exceeds the aggregate amount of payments made to counties pursuant to Government Code, Section 26.007 for that fiscal year the excess amount is hereby appropriated to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for the purpose of remittance to counties pursuant to Government Code, Section 26.008. (Estimated to be \$2,000)

**Retirement and Group Insurance**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
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<b>A. Goal:</b> EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS Provide an actuarially sound level of funding as defined by state law. Estimated	\$ 2,256,053	\$ 2,312,455
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> GROUP INSURANCE Provide a basic health care and life insurance program for general state employees. Estimated	\$ 5,877,108	\$ 6,205,458
<b>A.1.3. Strategy:</b> JUDICIAL RETIREMENT, PLAN 2 Maintain an actuarially sound retirement program for state judicial officers. Estimated	\$ 6,438,772	\$ 6,734,995
<b>A.1.4. Strategy:</b> JUDICIAL RETIREMENT, PLAN 1 Provide for the payment of JRS-1 Benefits as required by law. Estimated	\$ 20,772,040	\$ 21,432,905
<b>A.1.5. Strategy:</b> JRS-1 REFUNDS Provide for membership refunds under the Judicial Retirement Program, plan one. Estimated	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>
<b>Total, Goal A:</b> EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM	<u>\$ 35,368,973</u>	<u>\$ 36,710,813</u>
<b>Grand Total,</b> RETIREMENT AND GROUP INSURANCE	<u><u>\$ 35,368,973</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 36,710,813</u></u>
<b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund, estimated	\$ 34,454,701	\$ 35,754,597
Other Special State Funds, estimated	<u>914,272</u>	<u>956,216</u>
<b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	<u><u>\$ 35,368,973</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 36,710,813</u></u>

## Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay

	For the Years Ending August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
<b>A. Goal:</b> SOCIAL SECURITY/BENEFIT REPLACEMENT To provide funding to the Comptroller of Public Accounts for Social Security Contributions and Benefit Replacement Pay.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> STATE MATCH -- EMPLOYER Provide an employer match for Social Security contributions. Estimated	\$ 6,349,424	\$ 6,508,159
<b>A.1.2. Strategy:</b> BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY Provide Benefit Replacement Pay to eligible employees. Estimated	<u>\$ 904,369</u>	<u>\$ 822,902</u>
 <b>Total, Goal A:</b> SOCIAL SECURITY/BENEFIT REPLACEMENT	 <u>\$ 7,253,793</u>	 <u>\$ 7,331,061</u>
 <b>Grand Total,</b> SOCIAL SECURITY AND BENEFIT REPLACEMENT PAY	 <u><u>\$ 7,253,793</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 7,331,061</u></u>
 <b>Method of Financing:</b>		
General Revenue Fund, estimated	\$ 6,809,950	\$ 6,879,045
Other Special State Funds, estimated	<u>443,843</u>	<u>452,016</u>
 <b>Total, Method of Financing</b>	 <u><u>\$ 7,253,793</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 7,331,061</u></u>

## Lease Payments

	For the Years Ending August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
<b>Out of the General Revenue Fund:</b>		
<b>A. Goal:</b> FINANCE CAPITAL PROJECTS To provide funding to the General Services Commission for payment to Texas Public Finance Authority for the payment of revenue bond debt service requirements.		
<b>A.1.1. Strategy:</b> LEASE PAYMENTS	\$ 2,280,290	\$ 2,380,436 & U.B.
Make lease payments to the Texas Public Finance Authority on facilities financed through the Texas Public Finance Authority.		
 <b>Grand Total,</b> LEASE PAYMENTS	 <u><u>\$ 2,280,290</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 2,380,436</u></u>

## **SPECIAL PROVISIONS - JUDICIARY**

Sec. 2. **Judicial Salary Enforcement.** Each District Court Judge and Justice of the Courts of Appeals shall file a sworn statement with the Comptroller of Public Accounts setting forth the yearly amounts to be received from state and county as salary payments during the ensuing fiscal year. Amended statements shall be filed setting forth any change in the salary rate which occurs during a fiscal year.

For the purpose of salary payments by the state, the Comptroller of Public Accounts shall determine from the filed statements that the required salary differential set out in V.T.C.A., Government Code, Section 659.012 is maintained. In the event a salary is in excess of the differential provided by law, the Comptroller is directed to reduce the state's portion of that salary by the amount of excess.

The appropriations for salaries of District Court Judges and Justices of Courts of Appeals are made contingent upon strict compliance with the provisions of this section and the Comptroller shall have no authority to issue a warrant for salaries which violate these provisions.

Sec. 3. **Public Integrity Unit.** In Item 10., Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department, warrants shall be drawn as necessary to reimburse the District Attorney of the 53rd Judicial District for salary and expenses previously incurred. The District Attorney shall submit a voucher containing an itemized statement of expenses to substantiate each claim. This appropriation shall be allocated in three equal installments over the fiscal year. Any unencumbered, unexpended balance existing in a previous allocation period may be used in a subsequent period provided that period occurs within the same fiscal year.

Sec. 4. **Restriction, New District Courts.** No new district court may be funded until it has been approved by the commissioner's court of the county or a majority of the counties in that district.

Sec. 5. **Transfer of Cases.** The Chief Justices of the fourteen courts of appeals are encouraged to cooperate with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to transfer cases between appellate courts which are in neighboring jurisdictions in order to equalize the disparity between the workloads of the various courts of appeals.

Sec. 6. **Voice Recording.** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals will promulgate rules authorizing the use of voice or video recording technology, including CD ROM, to make a record of court proceedings. The Legislature does not intend that the recording be a substitute for the written transcript.

Sec. 7. **Systems Compatibility.** No funds shall be utilized to purchase information technology unless it interfaces with other courts and with the Office of Court Administration and complies with the plans filed with the Department of Information Resources.

Sec. 8. **Appropriation: Unexpended Balances.** Any unexpended balances from appropriations made to the Supreme Court of Texas, the Court of Criminal Appeals, and the fourteen courts of appeals for fiscal year 1999 are hereby reappropriated to the same agency for fiscal year 2000. (Estimated to be \$263,339)

Sec. 9. **Judicial Internship Program** It is the intent of the Legislature that the Judicial Branch cooperate with law schools to establish a judicial internship program for Texas appellate and trial courts. The Judicial Branch is encouraged to work with the Texas Judicial Council in the development of the judicial internship program.

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE IV  
THE JUDICIARY  
(General Revenue)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
Supreme Court of Texas	\$ 4,953,420	\$ 4,943,386
Court of Criminal Appeals	8,000,500	3,991,499
First Court of Appeals District, Houston	2,468,641	2,194,891
Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth	2,054,675	1,808,425
Third Court of Appeals District, Austin	1,848,322	1,615,822
Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio	2,052,275	1,806,025
Fifth Court of Appeals District, Dallas	3,482,194	3,153,444
Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana	1,073,129	881,879
Seventh Court of Appeals District, Amarillo	1,318,291	1,113,291
Eighth Court of Appeals District, El Paso	1,317,402	1,112,402
Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont	1,073,679	882,529
Tenth Court of Appeals District, Waco	1,053,403	862,152
Eleventh Court of Appeals District, Eastland	1,068,929	877,679
Twelfth Court of Appeals District, Tyler	1,074,929	883,679
Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi	1,845,322	1,612,822
Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston	2,469,841	2,196,091
Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council	7,907,772	5,736,968
Contingency Appropriations		1,000,000
Total	7,907,772	6,736,968
State Prosecuting Attorney, Office of the State Law Library	336,415 891,683	336,415 807,713
Court Reporters Certification Board	111,102	111,187
Contingency Appropriations		5,420
Total	112,167	116,607
State Commission on Judicial Conduct	706,102	706,102
Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department	61,083,122	61,062,851
Contingency Appropriations		6,972,012
Total	67,867,970	68,034,863
 Subtotal, Judiciary	 \$ 114,977,061	 \$ 106,674,684
Retirement and Group Insurance	34,454,701	35,754,597
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	6,809,950	6,879,045
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 41,264,651	\$ 42,633,642
Lease Payments	2,280,290	2,380,436
Article IV, Special Provisions		
Rider Appropriations	263,339	
Total	263,339	
 TOTAL, ARTICLE IV - The Judiciary	 \$ 158,785,341	 \$ 151,688,762

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE IV  
THE JUDICIARY  
(General Revenue - Dedicated)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
Supreme Court of Texas	\$	\$
Court of Criminal Appeals		
First Court of Appeals District, Houston		
Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth		
Third Court of Appeals District, Austin		
Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio		
Fifth Court of Appeals District, Dallas		
Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana		
Seventh Court of Appeals District, Amarillo		
Eighth Court of Appeals District, El Paso		
Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont		
Tenth Court of Appeals District, Waco		
Eleventh Court of Appeals District, Eastland		
Twelfth Court of Appeals District, Tyler		
Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi		
Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston		
Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council		
State Prosecuting Attorney, Office of the		
State Law Library		
Court Reporters Certification Board		
State Commission on Judicial Conduct		
Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department	907,976	932,169
Subtotal, Judiciary	\$ 907,976	\$ 932,169
Retirement and Group Insurance		
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay		
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$	\$
Lease Payments		
Article IV, Special Provisions		
<b>TOTAL, ARTICLE IV - The Judiciary</b>	<b>\$ 907,976</b>	<b>\$ 932,169</b>

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE IV  
THE JUDICIARY  
(Federal Funds)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
Supreme Court of Texas	\$	\$
Court of Criminal Appeals		
First Court of Appeals District, Houston		
Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth		
Third Court of Appeals District, Austin		
Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio		
Fifth Court of Appeals District, Dallas		
Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana		
Seventh Court of Appeals District, Amarillo		
Eighth Court of Appeals District, El Paso		
Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont		
Tenth Court of Appeals District, Waco		
Eleventh Court of Appeals District, Eastland		
Twelfth Court of Appeals District, Tyler		
Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi		
Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston		
Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council		
State Prosecuting Attorney, Office of the		
State Law Library		
Court Reporters Certification Board		
State Commission on Judicial Conduct		
Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department		
Subtotal, Judiciary	\$	\$
Retirement and Group Insurance		
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay		
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$	\$
Lease Payments		
Article IV, Special Provisions		
TOTAL, ARTICLE IV - The Judiciary	\$	\$

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE IV  
THE JUDICIARY  
(Other Funds)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
Supreme Court of Texas	\$ 2,250,000	\$ 2,250,000
Court of Criminal Appeals	3,850,000	3,850,000
Contingency Appropriations	1,540,000	3,850,000
Total	5,390,000	7,700,000
First Court of Appeals District, Houston		
Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth		
Third Court of Appeals District, Austin		
Fourth Court of Appeals District, San Antonio		
Fifth Court of Appeals District, Dallas		
Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana		
Seventh Court of Appeals District, Amarillo		
Eighth Court of Appeals District, El Paso		
Ninth Court of Appeals District, Beaumont		
Tenth Court of Appeals District, Waco		
Eleventh Court of Appeals District, Eastland		
Twelfth Court of Appeals District, Tyler		
Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi		
Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston		
Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council	4,682,031	5,086,288
State Prosecuting Attorney, Office of the State Law Library	64,369	64,369
Court Reporters Certification Board		
State Commission on Judicial Conduct		
Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department	13,794,418	13,814,742
Subtotal, Judiciary	\$ 26,180,818	\$ 28,915,399
Retirement and Group Insurance	914,272	956,216
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	443,843	452,016
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	\$ 1,358,115	\$ 1,408,232
Lease Payments		
Article IV, Special Provisions		
Less Interagency Contracts	\$ 4,691,688	\$ 5,095,945
TOTAL, ARTICLE IV - The Judiciary	\$ 22,847,245	\$ 25,227,686

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE IV  
THE JUDICIARY  
(All Funds)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
Supreme Court of Texas	\$ 7,203,420	\$ 7,193,386
Court of Criminal Appeals	11,850,500	7,841,499
Contingency Appropriations	<u>1,540,000</u>	<u>3,850,000</u>
Total	13,390,500	11,691,499
First Court of Appeals District, Houston	2,468,641	2,194,891
Second Court of Appeals District, Fort Worth	2,054,675	1,808,425
Third Court of Appeals District, Austin	1,848,322	1,615,822
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Thirteenth Court of Appeals District, Corpus Christi	1,845,322	1,612,822
Fourteenth Court of Appeals District, Houston	2,469,841	2,196,091
Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council	12,589,803	10,823,256
Contingency Appropriations	<u>                    </u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
Total	12,589,803	11,823,256
State Prosecuting Attorney, Office of the	336,415	336,415
State Law Library	956,052	872,082
Court Reporters Certification Board	111,102	111,187
Contingency Appropriations	<u>1,065</u>	<u>5,420</u>
Total	112,167	116,607
State Commission on Judicial Conduct	706,102	706,102
Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department	75,785,516	75,809,762
Contingency Appropriations	<u>6,784,848</u>	<u>6,972,012</u>
Total	<u>82,570,364</u>	<u>82,781,774</u>
Subtotal, Judiciary	<u>\$ 142,065,855</u>	<u>\$ 136,522,252</u>
Retirement and Group Insurance	35,368,973	36,710,813
Social Security and Benefit Replacement Pay	<u>7,253,793</u>	<u>7,331,061</u>
Subtotal, Employee Benefits	<u>\$ 42,622,766</u>	<u>\$ 44,041,874</u>
Lease Payments	2,280,290	2,380,436

**RECAPITULATION - ARTICLE IV  
THE JUDICIARY  
(All Funds)  
(Continued)**

	For the Years Ending	
	August 31, 2000	August 31, 2001
Article IV, Special Provisions Rider Appropriations	<u>263,339</u>	<u>                    </u>
Total	<u>263,339</u>	<u>                    </u>
Less Interagency Contracts	<u>\$ 4,691,688</u>	<u>\$ 5,095,945</u>
TOTAL, ARTICLE IV - The Judiciary	<u>\$ 182,540,562</u>	<u>\$ 177,848,617</u>
Number of Full-time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	1,276.5	1,294.5