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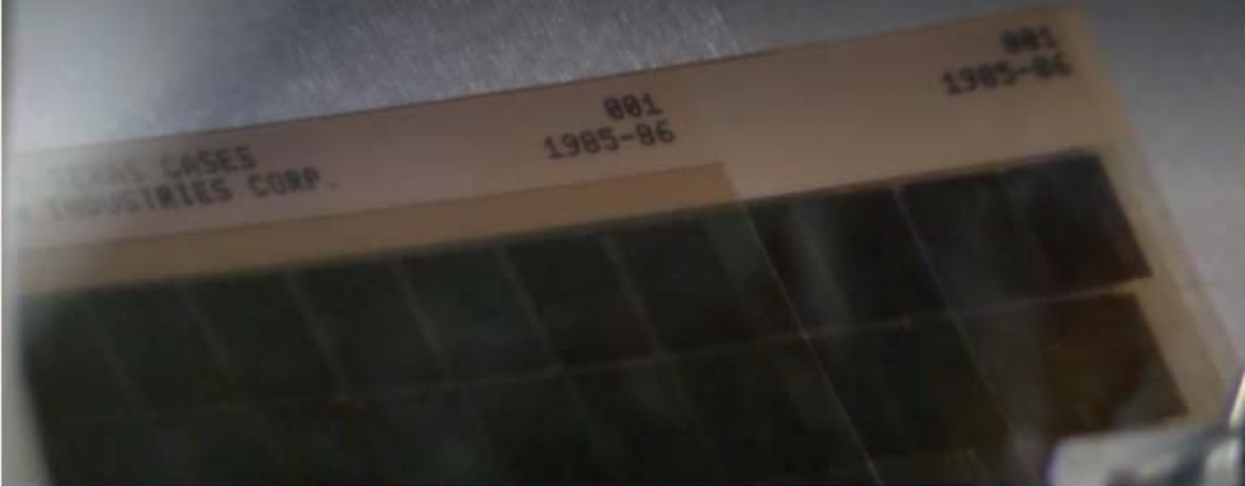
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Case: C-8353
Date Filed: 02/10/1989
Case Type: Granted cause that has 2 applications
Style: EDGEWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ET AL.
v.: WILLIAM KIRBY ET AL.

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| 06/07/2018 | Case File from Microfiche | | | |
| 11/13/1989 | Mandate issued | | REHEARING OVERRULED 777 SW2D 391 | |
| 10/25/1989 | Motion for Rehearing - Disposed | Overruled | | |
| 10/18/1989 | Motion for Rehearing forwarded | | EDGEWOOD ISD AND DISTRICT COURT | |

This case is analogous to Texas Supreme Court cases dealing with the Legislature's authority to draw state legislative districts. Though the Legislature is specifically given that authority by the State Constitution, the Legislature's actions under that authority are still amenable to judicial review. Clements v. Valles, 620 S.W.2d 112 (Tex. 1981); Smith v. Craddick, 471 S.W.2d 375 (Tex. 1971).

III. THE TEXAS SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM IS NOT AN EFFICIENT SYSTEM AND VIOLATES ARTICLE VII, SECTION 1 OF THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION.

A. THIS COURT MUST CONSIDER THE "EFFICIENCY" OF THE TEXAS SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE UNDISPUTED FACTUAL FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE DISTRICT COURT.

"It is not only the right, but the duty of the Judicial Branch of the Government to determine whether or not a legislative act contravenes or antagonizes the fundamental law." Friedman v. American Surety Co. of New York, 151 S.W. 2d 570

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