



2023 Legislative Update

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Fast Facts – 88th Regular Session

- ▶ 8,046 Bills filed (House and Senate)
- ▶ 1,246 Passed both houses
- ▶ 76 Vetoes (2nd highest on record)
- ▶ *Compare:* 87th RS
 - 6927 Total
 - 1073 Passed
 - 20 Vetoes



Biggest Legislative Change (for Administrative Law)

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SB 1045: 15th Court of Appeals

- ▶ Exclusive jurisdiction:
 - Cases with the state, agency, or official as a party
 - Exceptions (*see* Tex. Gov't Code § 22.220(d))
 - Suits challenging validity or constitutionality of a statute, rule with the AG a party to the case
 - "any other matter as provided by law"
- ▶ Justices elected statewide except initial by appointment
- ▶ Chief + 3 Justices (First 3 years Chief + 2 Justices)
- ▶ Begins hearing cases Sept. 1, 2024
- ▶ Appeals filed on/after Sept. 1, 2023, transfer Sept. 1, 2024
- ▶ Limited mandamus power
- ▶ No docket balancing transfers out from 15th

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Procedure



Procedure: Permissive Interlocutory Appeals

SB 1603

- ▶ Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code § 51.014(g)-(h)
- ▶ For appeals under § 51.014(d)
- ▶ Requires court of appeals to state specific reason for finding appeal not warranted
- ▶ Authorizes de novo review of decision not to accept the appeal
 - If requirements satisfied, may direct the court of appeals to accept appeal

Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure amended to implement 51.014(g)-(h)

- ▶ Repeals TRAP 28.2
 - Agreed Interlocutory Appeal
- ▶ Amends TRAP 28.3—adds (l)
- ▶ De novo review of the denial by Texas Supreme Court
 - Petition for Review

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