



**CHANGING THE
MAKEUP OF
THE COURTS,
WHY NOW?**

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INTRODUCTION

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How We Got
Here

PRIOR
LEGISLATIVE
EFFORTS

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SPECIALIZED BUSINESS TRIAL AND APPELLATE COURTS

HISTORY

- 2015 chancery court bill (HB 1603) that was voted out of committee (but failed to pass in the House)
- 2017 chancery court bill (HB 2594) that was filed but never voted out of committee
- 2019 business courts bill (HB 4149) that was filed but never voted out of committee
- 2021 business courts bill (HB 1875) that was voted out of committee (but failed to pass in the House)



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15TH COA HISTORY

2021 Legislative
Session

Senate Bill 1529



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SB 1529:

Creation of
a Statewide
Texas Court
of Appeals

EXCLUSIVE APPELLATE JURISDICTION:

“

all cases or any matters arising out of or related to a civil case brought by or against the state or a state agency, board, or commission or by or against an officer of the state or a state agency, board, or commission.

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