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88th Lege Demographics
181 seats
House - 150 (86 R / 64 D)
Senate - 31 (19 R / 12 D)
65 licensed attorneys
53 - House
12 - Senate
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Civil Justice System – Trial and Intermediate Appellate Courts





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HB 19 - Specialty Trial Court (Business Court)

- Creates a statewide specialized civil trial to hear certain businessrelated litigation cases, such as actions against businesses, accusations of wrongdoing by businesses or their members, disputes between businesses, violations of the BOC, Finance Code, and Business & Commerce Code.
 - Tier One \$10 million in controversy (commercial disputes)
 - Tier Two \$5 million in controversy (business governance)
 - Supplemental jurisdiction
- The business trial court will be composed of up to 16 appointed judges (in 11 different administrative judicial regions) serving 2-year terms.

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