

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the three member Ninth Court of Appeals is attempting to perform the caseload of a four member court. Therefore, there has been a high number of transferred cases and high ratio of cases assigned per judge. As proposed, S.B. 449 adds a fourth justice to the Ninth Court of Appeals. As a result, the Ninth Court of Appeals caseload would be similar to the other four member courts, which reduces both the need for visiting judges and extensive travel for litigants when cases are transferred.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 22.216(i), Government Code, to provide that the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Court of Appeals District consists of a chief justice and three, rather than two, justices.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.