

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Thursday, February 16, 2023

10:00 AM

Capitol Extension, Room E1.036

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Finance was held on Thursday, February 16, 2023, in the Capitol Extension, Room E1.036, at Austin, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair
Senator Juan Hinojosa, Vice Chair
Senator Paul Bettencourt
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Brandon Creighton
Senator Pete Flores
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Kelly Hancock
Senator Bryan Hughes
Senator Lois Kolkhorst
Senator Angela Paxton
Senator Charles Perry
Senator Royce West
Senator Judith Zaffirini

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Robert Nichols
Senator Charles Schwertner
Senator John Whitmire

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. The following business was transacted:

Senator Huffman made opening remarks.

Senator Huffman laid out SB 1. Testimony was heard on SB 1 – Articles IV and IX. Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

Supreme Court of Texas

Court of Criminal Appeals

14 Courts of Appeals

Court of Appeals - Houston

Court of Appeals - Ft. Worth

Court of Appeals - Austin

Court of Appeals - San Antonio

Court of Appeals - Dallas

Court of Appeals - Texarkana

Court of Appeals - Amarillo

Court of Appeals - El Paso

Court of Appeals - Beaumont

Court of Appeals - Waco

Court of Appeals - Eastland

Court of Appeals - Tyler

Court of Appeals - Corpus Christi-Edinburgh

Court of Appeals - Houston

Comptroller's Department - Judiciary Section

Judicial Compensation Commission

Special Prosecution Unit Presentation

Office of Court Administration

Texas Indigent Defense Commission

Office of State Prosecuting Attorney

State Law Library

Office of Capital and Forensic Writs

Senator Hinojosa assumed the chair.

Senator Huffman resumed the chair.

Commission on Judicial Conduct

Special Provisions Relating to the Judiciary

Article IX - General Provisions

Public testimony was heard.

The Chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Huffman moved that SB 1 be left pending; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 1:42 PM Senator Huffman moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Senator Joan Huffman, Chair

Stephanie Hoover, Clerk