

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, Texas law does not allow trial judges to sit on the appellate bench for temporary assignments. This bill would allow trial judges to take temporary assignments on an appellate bench.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 265 establishes the temporary assignment of a district court judge to a court of appeals.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 22C, Government Code, by adding Section 22.229, as follows:

Sec. 22.229. TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF DISTRICT COURT JUDGE TO COURT OF APPEALS. Authorizes the chief justice of a court of appeals to assign a district court judge to sit on a court of appeals in which the judge's district is located. Sets forth requirements for a judge to be eligible for assignment under Subsection (a). Prohibits a district court judge from being assigned to a court of appeals for more than 20 cases in a year. Prohibits a district court judge assigned to a court of appeals under Subsection (a) from receiving additional compensation for the judge's service on the court of appeals, but is entitled to reimbursement of travel expenses incurred while serving on the court of appeals. Establishes that a district court judge assigned to a court of appeals has all the powers of a justice of a court of appeals during the assignment.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.