

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 546 passed by the Seventy-Seventh Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 546 would require the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to mandate continuing education programs for all state judges on issues related to racial, cultural, and ethnic awareness. While such training is well-intended, the Court already has the authority to establish continuing education requirements and, indeed, has incorporated training on cultural awareness as part of the judicial training programs it provides. Furthermore, the Texas Constitution generally leaves decisions on such issues to the judiciary and the voters, not the legislature.

I believe the proper resolution to any dissatisfaction with judges rests with voters.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 17th day of June, 2001.

Rick Perry

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

Henry Cuellar
Henry Cuellar, Ph.D.
Secretary of State

June 17, 2001
Austin, Texas

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
10:30 P.M. O'CLOCK

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Secretary of State