

ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

**Facsimile Transmission of Judicial Assignments by
The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and by the
Presiding Judges of Administrative Judicial Regions**

1. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the presiding judges of the administrative judicial regions may transmit to the proper court or administrative region office by facsimile transmission, any order of assignment of an active, retired, or former justice or judge to a court of this state pursuant to Chapters 74 and 75, Texas Government Code.

2. District and county clerks and clerks of courts of appeals are authorized to accept for filing via facsimile transmission any order of assignment of an active, retired, or former justice or judge to a court of this state.

3. The original, signed order shall be maintained at the office of the chief justice or administrative judicial region, and may, on order of the court to which the assignment is made, be filed as required by Section 51.806, Government Code.

4. A cover sheet must accompany every transmission and clearly identify the sender, the order being transmitted, and the number of pages.

5. Upon receipt of a facsimile transmitted order, the clerk shall verify the completeness and legibility of the order.

6. When satisfied that the transmission is complete and legible, the clerk shall deem the order accepted for filing and affix the clerk's official date and time file stamp to the order.

7. If the transmission is found to be incomplete or illegible, the clerk shall notify the sender as soon as practicable that the order has not been filed and the reason.

8. Orders of assignment received for filing by the clerk

a. shall be received on plain-paper facsimile equipment capable of rendering the copy of archival quality, or

b. if received on facsimile equipment using thermal paper, or otherwise not producing plain-paper copies, shall be immediately copied onto plain paper and the thermal-paper copy destroyed.

9. Facsimile transmission of an order does not constitute filing. An order so transmitted and accepted for filing will be recognized as the original record for file or for evidentiary purposes when it bears the clerk's official date and time file stamp. A date and

time of receipt automatically imprinted on an facsimile transmitted order will determine the date and time of receipt but not the time of filing.

10. After filing an order received by facsimile transmission, the clerk shall transmit to the sender an acknowledgement of the filing.

11. No fee shall be charged by the clerk for receiving and filing an order of assignment.

En banc, in chambers, this the 19th day of July, 1990


Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice


Franklin S. Spears, Justice


C. L. Ray, Justice


Raul A. Gonzalez, Justice


Oscar H. Mauzy, Justice


Eugene A. Cook, Justice


Jack Hightower, Justice


Nathan L. Hecht, Justice


Lloyd Doggett, Justice

STATE OF TEXAS

RESOLUTION

OF THE

**Presiding Judges of the
Administrative Judicial Regions**

WHEREAS the availability of facsimile transmission equipment is rapidly increasing in the courthouses of the state, and

WHEREAS each of the offices of the nine Administrative Judicial Regions have facsimile equipment, and

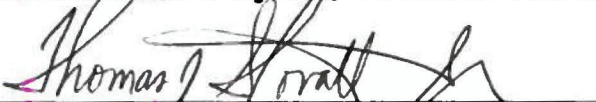
WHEREAS the transmission of orders of assignment of judges from the Administrative Judicial Regions to the District and County clerks offices of the state would be efficient, cost-effective, and conducive to the timely administration of justice.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the undersigned Presiding Judges of the Administrative Judicial Regions of Texas that the Supreme Court of Texas authorize the use of facsimile transmission for the filing of orders of assignment of active, retired, and former justices and judges by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and by the Presiding Judges of the Administrative Judicial Regions pursuant to Chapters 74 and 75, Texas Government Code.

*In witness thereof we affix our signatures
on the 5th day of May, 1990, at La Porte, Texas.*



Honorable Ron Chapman, 1st Admin. Jud. Region



Honorable Thomas J. Stovall, Jr., 2nd Admin. Jud. Region



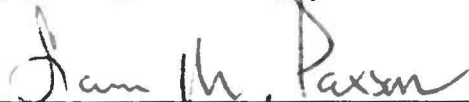
Honorable B. B. Schraub, 3rd Admin. Jud. Region



Honorable John Cornyn, 4th Admin. Jud. Region



Honorable Darrell Hester, 5th Admin. Jud. Region



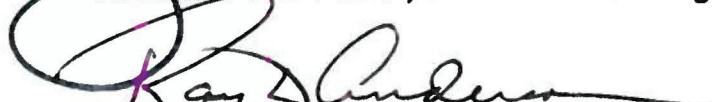
Honorable Sam M. Paxson, 6th Admin. Jud. Region



Honorable Weldon Kirk, 7th Admin. Jud. Region



Honorable Jeff Walker, 8th Admin. Jud. Region



Honorable Ray D. Anderson, 9th Admin. Jud. Region