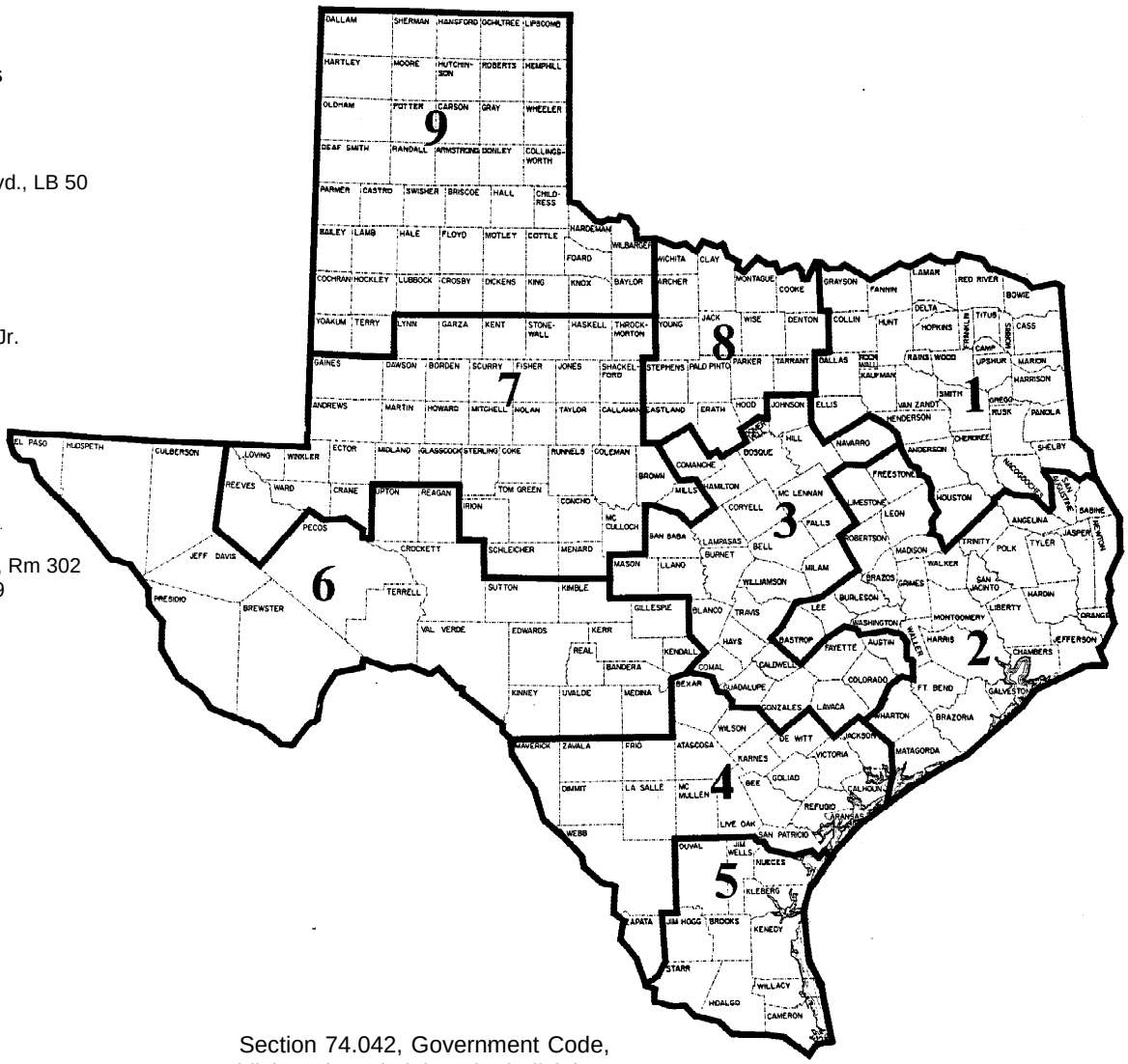
Administrative Judicial Regions



Presiding Judges

First
Pat McDowell
133 N. Industrial Blvd., LB 50
Dallas 75207

214/653-2943

Second
Thomas J. Stovall, Jr.
P O Box 40
Seabrook 77586

713/471-3911

Third
B. B. Schraub
County Courthouse
101 E. Court Street, Rm 302
Seguin 78155-5779

210/379-8556

Fourth
Olin B. Strauss
P O Box 161
Jourdanton 78026

210/769-3182

Fifth
Darrell Hester
County Courthouse
Brownsville 78520

210/544-0847

Sixth
Stephen B. Ables
Kerr County Courthouse
Kerrville 78028

210/257-5945

Seventh
Weldon Kirk
P O Box 528
Sweetwater 79556

915/236-6944

Eighth
Clyde R. Ashworth
Tarrant County Justice Center
Fort Worth 76196

817/884-1558

Ninth
Ray D. Anderson
Terry County Courthouse
Brownfield 79316

806/637-8171

Section 74.042, Government Code, establishes nine administrative judicial regions in the State, with the presiding judge for each region designated by the Governor.

The duties of a presiding judge include promulgating and implementing regional rules of administration, advising local judges on judicial management, recommending changes to the Supreme Court for the improvement of judicial administration, and acting for local administrative judges in their absence.

The presiding judge of each region convenes an annual conference of the district and statutory county court judges in the region to discuss the administration of justice and to adopt regional rules of adminstration. The presiding judge may assign active, senior, and former district judges and active, retired, and former statutory county court judges residing within the region. A presiding judge may request that another presiding judge assign a judge from his region to sit in the region of the requesting judge.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court convenes an annual conference of the nine presiding judges to promote the uniform administration of justice in the State. The Chief Justice is empowered to assign judges of one administrative region for service in another region whenever such assignments are necesary for the prompt and efficient administration of justice.