



Operating Budget

For Fiscal Year 2026

**Submitted to the
Office of the Governor, Budget and Policy Division,
and the Legislative Budget Board**

by

Sixth Court of Appeals, Texarkana

December 1, 2025



CERTIFICATE

Agency Name Sixth Court of Appeals

This is to certify that the information contained in the agency operating budget filed with the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Office of the Governor, Budget and Policy Division, is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that the electronic submission to the LBB via the Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST) and the PDF file submitted via the LBB Document Submission application are identical.

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Chief Executive Office or Presiding Judge



Signature

Scott E. Stevens

Printed Name

Chief Justice

Title

12-01-2025

Date

Board or Commission Chair

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date

Chief Financial Officer



Signature

Debbie Autrey

Printed Name

Clerk of the Court

Title

12-01-2025

Date

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Budget Overview
89th Regular Session, Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

226 Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana

	GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS						OTHER FUNDS		ALL FUNDS	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
Goal: 1. Appellate Court Operations										
1.1.1. Appellate Court Operations	1,582,438	1,679,515					1,080	2,000	1,583,518	1,681,515
1.1.2. Appellate Justice Salaries	392,501	533,061					92,450	92,450	484,951	625,511
Total, Goal	1,974,939	2,212,576					93,530	94,450	2,068,469	2,307,026
Total, Agency	1,974,939	2,212,576					93,530	94,450	2,068,469	2,307,026
Total FTEs									14.8	15.0

2.A. Summary of Budget By Strategy

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Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

Agency code: 226 Agency name: Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana

Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
1 Appellate Court Operations			
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1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$1,426,862	\$1,583,518	\$1,681,515
2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	\$484,951	\$484,951	\$625,511
TOTAL, GOAL 1	\$1,911,813	\$2,068,469	\$2,307,026

2.A. Summary of Budget By Strategy

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Agency code: 226 Agency name: Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana

Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
General Revenue Funds:			
1 General Revenue Fund	\$1,816,577	\$1,974,939	\$2,212,576
	\$1,816,577	\$1,974,939	\$2,212,576
Other Funds:			
573 Judicial Fund	\$92,450	\$92,450	\$92,450
666 Appropriated Receipts	\$2,786	\$1,080	\$2,000
	\$95,236	\$93,530	\$94,450
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$1,911,813	\$2,068,469	\$2,307,026
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS	14.6	14.8	15.0

2.B. Summary of Budget By Method of Finance
89th Regular Session, Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
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DATE: **12/1/2025**
TIME: **12:07:14PM**

Agency code: **226** Agency name: **Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana**

METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud 2026
<u>GENERAL REVENUE</u>			
<u>1</u> General Revenue Fund			
<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$1,927,810	\$1,985,353	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$2,027,413
<i>RIDER APPROPRIATION</i>			
SB 1, 89th Leg., R.S., Art IX, Sec. 18.83, Contingency for SB 293	\$0	\$0	\$130,325
Comments: 25% judicial pay increase			
<i>TRANSFERS</i>			
HB 1, 88th Leg., R.S, Art IX, Sec 17.16, Appropriation for a Salary Increase for General State Employees (2024-25 GAA)	\$0	\$11,500	\$0
Comments: Additional amount needed for FY25 5% salary increase.			
SB 1, 89th Leg., R.S., Art IX, Sec. 17.15, Appropriation for a Salary Increase for Licensed Attorneys in Certain Positions (estimated amount)	\$0	\$0	\$54,838
<i>LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
Strategy A.1.2. Appellate Justice Salaries, Estimated and Nontransferable	\$(65,545)	\$(65,545)	\$0
Comments: Lower tiered justice salaries due to changes in judicial personnel			
Strategy A.1.1. Appellate Court Operations	\$(1,763)	\$0	\$0
Comments: Unused salary adjustments due to vacancies.			
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$0	\$(294)	\$0
Comments: Lapse of regular appropriations			
<i>UNEXPENDED BALANCES AUTHORITY</i>			

2.B. Summary of Budget By Method of Finance
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Agency code: **226** Agency name: **Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana**

METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud 2026
HB 1, 88th Leg., R.S., Art IV, Special Provision, Sec. 9, Unexpended Balance Authority		\$(43,925)	\$43,925	\$0
Comments: Transfer of unexpended and unobligated Strategy A.1.1. funds to the next fiscal year within the same biennium				
TOTAL,	General Revenue Fund	\$1,816,577	\$1,974,939	\$2,212,576
TOTAL, ALL	GENERAL REVENUE	\$1,816,577	\$1,974,939	\$2,212,576

OTHER FUNDS

<u>573</u>	Judicial Fund No. 573			
	<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$92,450	\$92,450	\$0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$92,450
TOTAL,	Judicial Fund No. 573	\$92,450	\$92,450	\$92,450
<u>666</u>	Appropriated Receipts			
	<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
	<i>LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$(1,214)	\$(2,920)	\$0
	Comments: Collections less than the Regular Appropriations amount.			
TOTAL,	Appropriated Receipts	\$2,786	\$1,080	\$2,000

2.B. Summary of Budget By Method of Finance
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Agency code: 226		Agency name: Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana		
METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud 2026
TOTAL, ALL OTHER FUNDS		\$95,236	\$93,530	\$94,450
GRAND TOTAL		\$1,911,813	\$2,068,469	\$2,307,026
FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS				
REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS				
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)		15.0	15.0	0.0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)		0.0	0.0	15.0
UNAUTHORIZED NUMBER OVER (BELOW) CAP				
Unauthorized Number Over (Below) Cap		(0.4)	(0.2)	0.0
Comments: vacancies				
TOTAL, ADJUSTED FTES		14.6	14.8	15.0
NUMBER OF 100% FEDERALLY FUNDED FTEs		0.0	0.0	0.0

2.C. Summary of Budget By Object of Expense
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Agency code: 226

Agency name: Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana

OBJECT OF EXPENSE		EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$1,699,092	\$1,819,436	\$2,108,978
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$118,560	\$128,924	\$56,980
2005	TRAVEL	\$4,671	\$15,295	\$18,000
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$89,490	\$104,814	\$123,068
Agency Total		\$1,911,813	\$2,068,469	\$2,307,026

2.D. Summary of Budget By Objective Outcomes
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Agency code: 226

Agency name: Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana

Goal/ Objective / OUTCOME		Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud2026
1	Appellate Court Operations			
	<i>1 Appellate Court Operations</i>			
KEY	1 Clearance Rate	101.79 %	100.28 %	100.00 %
KEY	2 Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	100.00 %	100.00 %	100.00 %
KEY	3 Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	100.00 %	100.00 %	100.00 %

3.A. Strategy Level Detail

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Agency code: **226** Agency name: **Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana**

GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations

OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations

STRATEGY: 1 Appellate Court Operations

Service Categories:

Service: 01 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
Output Measures:				
1	Number of Civil Cases Disposed	96.00	111.00	100.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Disposed	246.00	247.00	250.00
Explanatory/Input Measures:				
1	Number of Civil Cases Filed	79.00	99.00	90.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Filed	174.00	170.00	185.00
3	Number of Cases Transferred in	56.00	61.00	50.00
4	Number of Cases Transferred out	1.00	0.00	0.00
Objects of Expense:				
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$1,218,942	\$1,339,286	\$1,489,660
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$118,560	\$128,924	\$56,980
2005	TRAVEL	\$4,671	\$15,295	\$18,000
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$84,689	\$100,013	\$116,875
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$1,426,862	\$1,583,518	\$1,681,515
Method of Financing:				
1	General Revenue Fund	\$1,424,076	\$1,582,438	\$1,679,515
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$1,424,076	\$1,582,438	\$1,679,515
Method of Financing:				
666	Appropriated Receipts	\$2,786	\$1,080	\$2,000
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)		\$2,786	\$1,080	\$2,000
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE :		\$1,426,862	\$1,583,518	\$1,681,515
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		11.6	11.8	12.0

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GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations

OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations

STRATEGY: 2 Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable

Service Categories:

Service: NA Income: NA Age: NA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
Objects of Expense:				
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$480,150	\$480,150	\$619,318
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$0	\$0	\$0
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$4,801	\$4,801	\$6,193
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$484,951	\$484,951	\$625,511
Method of Financing:				
1	General Revenue Fund	\$392,501	\$392,501	\$533,061
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$392,501	\$392,501	\$533,061
Method of Financing:				
573	Judicial Fund	\$92,450	\$92,450	\$92,450
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)		\$92,450	\$92,450	\$92,450
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE :		\$484,951	\$484,951	\$625,511
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		3.0	3.0	3.0

3.A. Strategy Level Detail

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SUMMARY TOTALS:

OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:	\$1,911,813	\$2,068,469	\$2,307,026
METHODS OF FINANCE :	\$1,911,813	\$2,068,469	\$2,307,026
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	14.6	14.8	15.0