

Legislative Appropriations Request  
Exceptional Items  
for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017

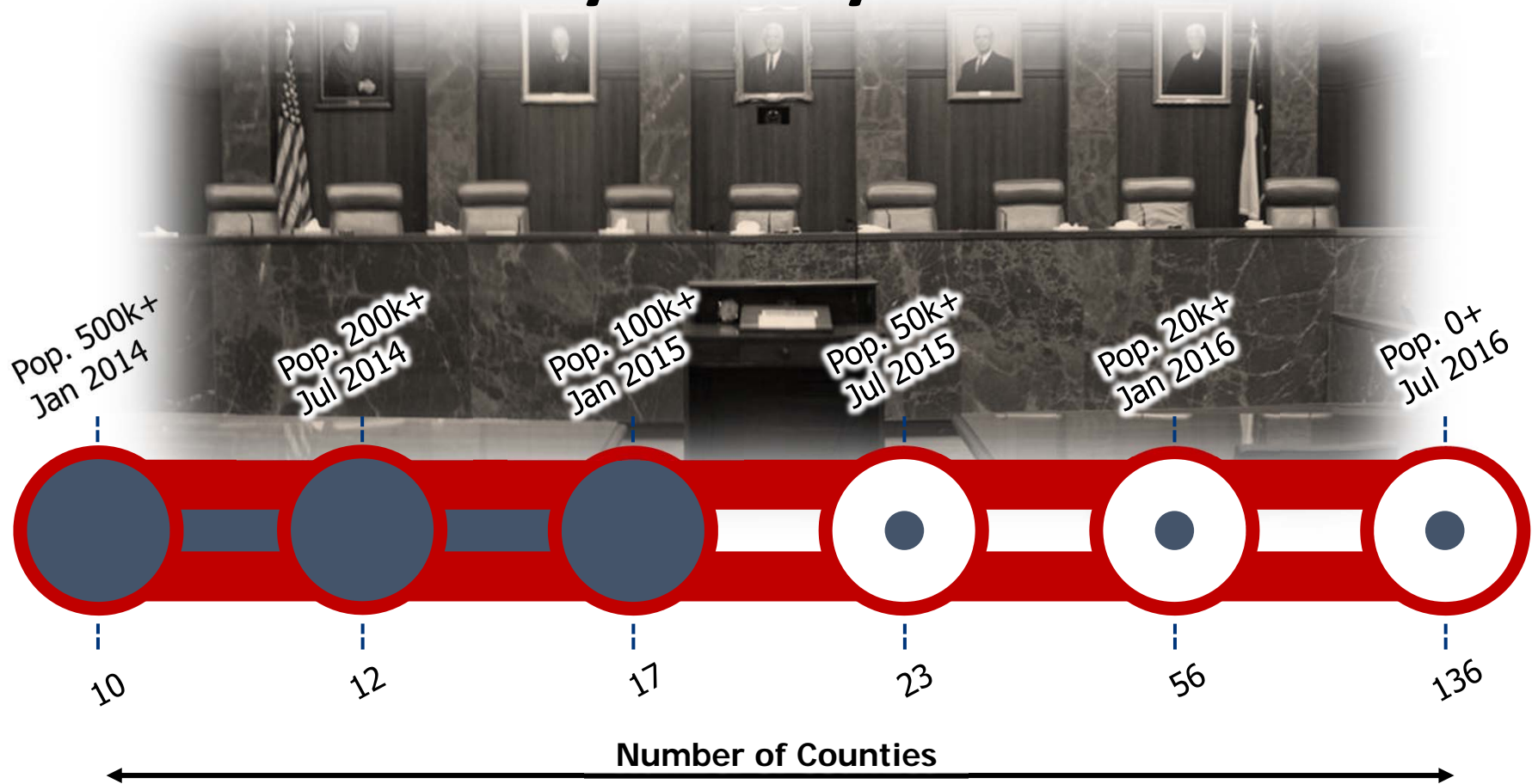
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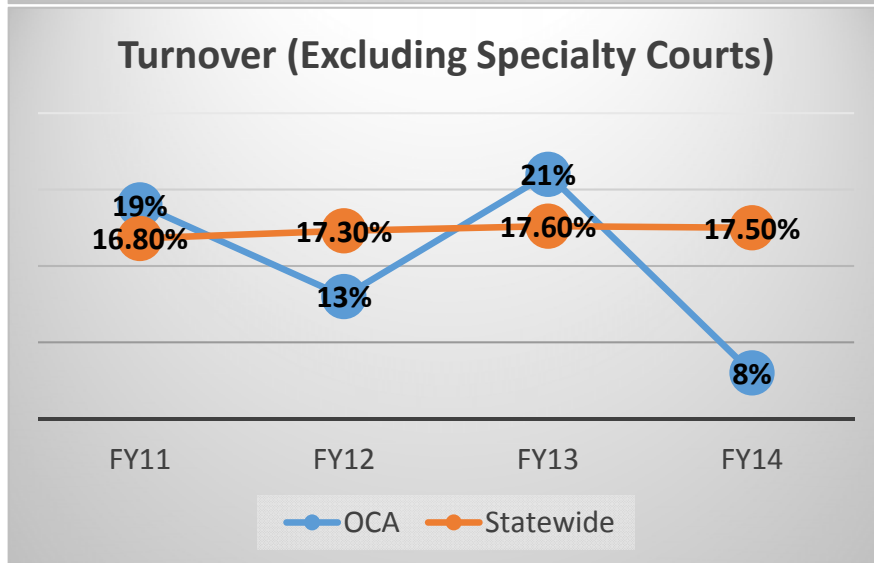
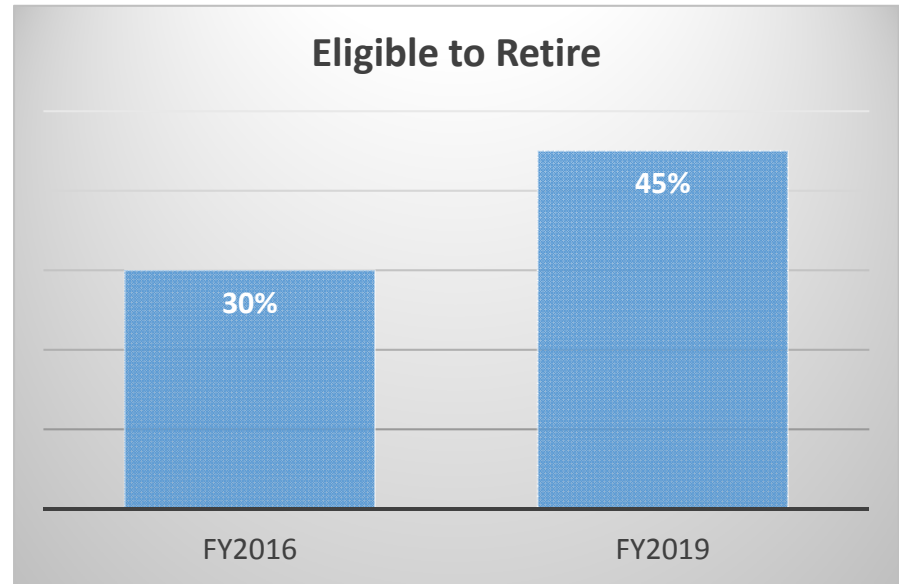
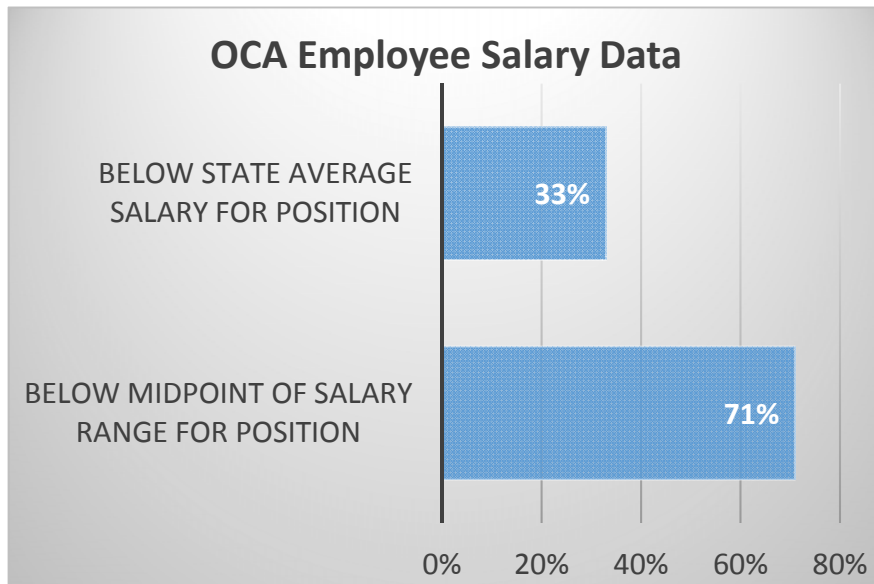
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# eFiling Mandate Schedule by County Size



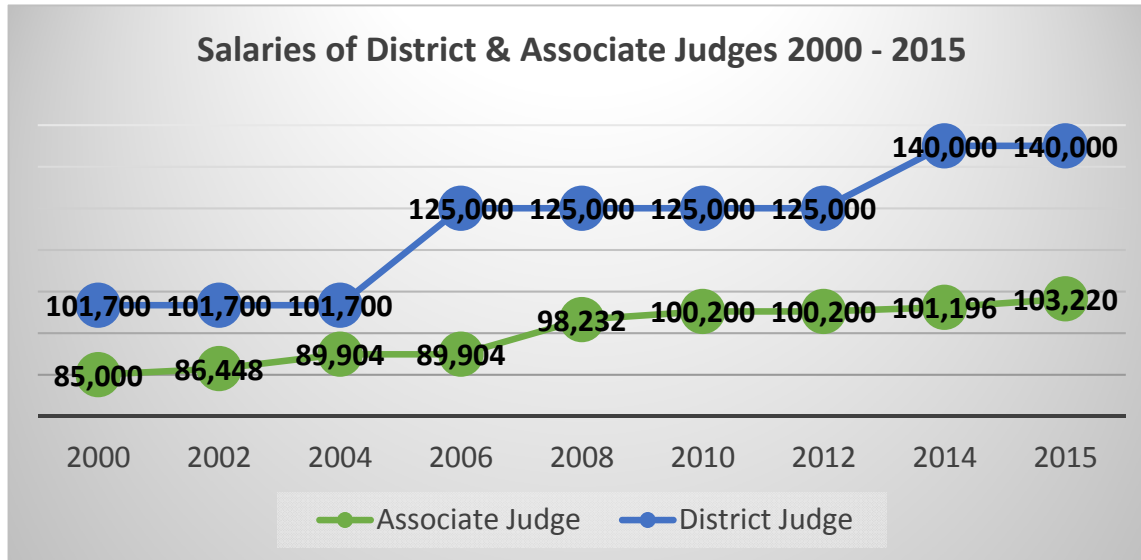
# Exceptional Item 2: Support Core Services



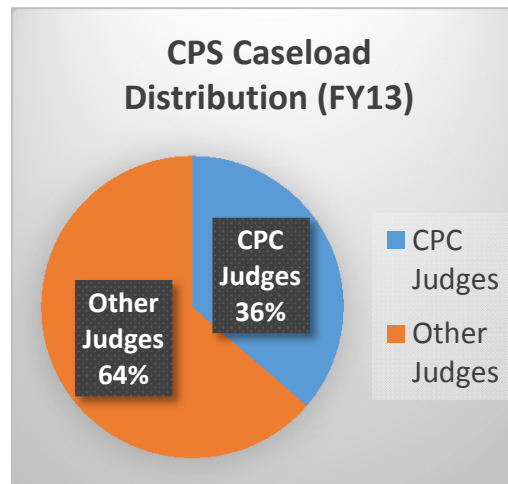
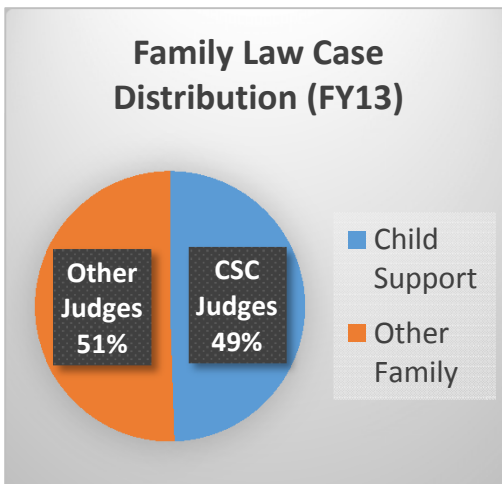
- **\$369,705 per year for employee salaries**
- **5 additional staff for core services - \$336,261 per year ongoing cost**
  - Accurate Court Data - Judicial Information Specialist – **independent study confirmed need**
  - Data-driven Research – Additional Researcher (currently have 1 researcher for the Branch)
  - Better Training for the Branch – Professional Development Coordinator (currently have none)
  - Restore Administrative Support for Research and Court Services (currently have none due to 2011 budget cuts)
  - More Budget Oversight – Budget Monitoring position (currently have 1 FTE)
- **Restore and Increase Assistance to Administrative Judicial Regions/Counties –from \$17k to \$30k (currently less than FY92)**



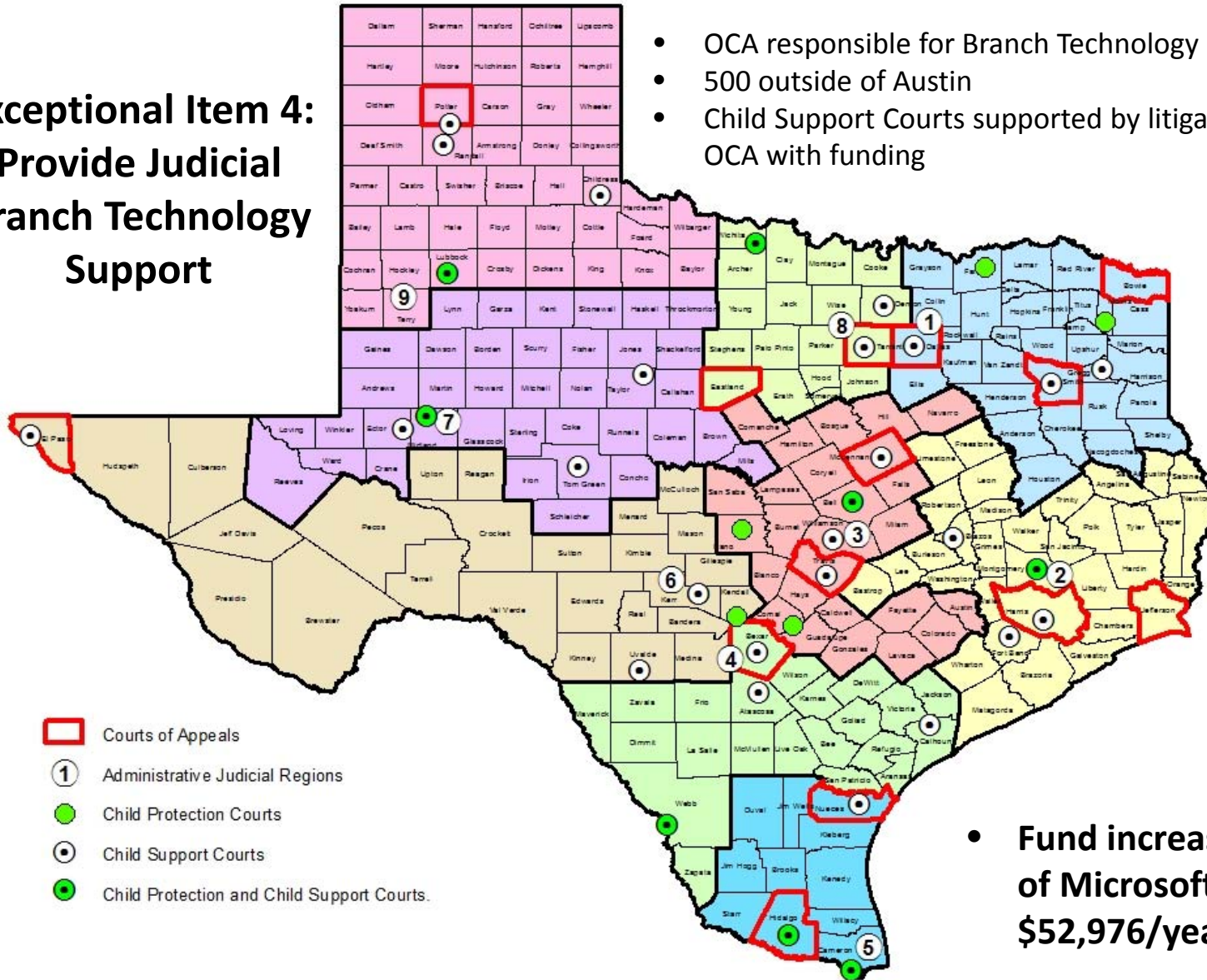
# Exceptional Item 3: Strengthen Judicial Services to Families



- Increase Associate Judge salary to 90% of District Judge salary (\$126,000) – \$1,493,521 per year (\$785,460 GR; \$708,061 Fed Funds)
- Increase Court Coordinator salary to average in state (\$41,232 to \$47,700) - \$345,515 per year (\$194,515 GR; \$151,000 Fed Funds)
- Fund Domestic Violence Resource Attorney position - \$83,610 per year
- Fund increase in child support supply budget - \$100,000 (\$34,000 GR; \$66,000 Fed Funds)
- Fund training for child support coordinators - \$50,000 (\$17,000 GR; \$33,000 Fed Funds)



## Exceptional Item 4: Provide Judicial Branch Technology Support



- OCA responsible for Branch Technology Support for 825 users
- 500 outside of Austin
- Child Support Courts supported by litigant (AG) –transition to OCA with funding

- Fund 6 FTEs to provide regionally based support - \$586,485/year

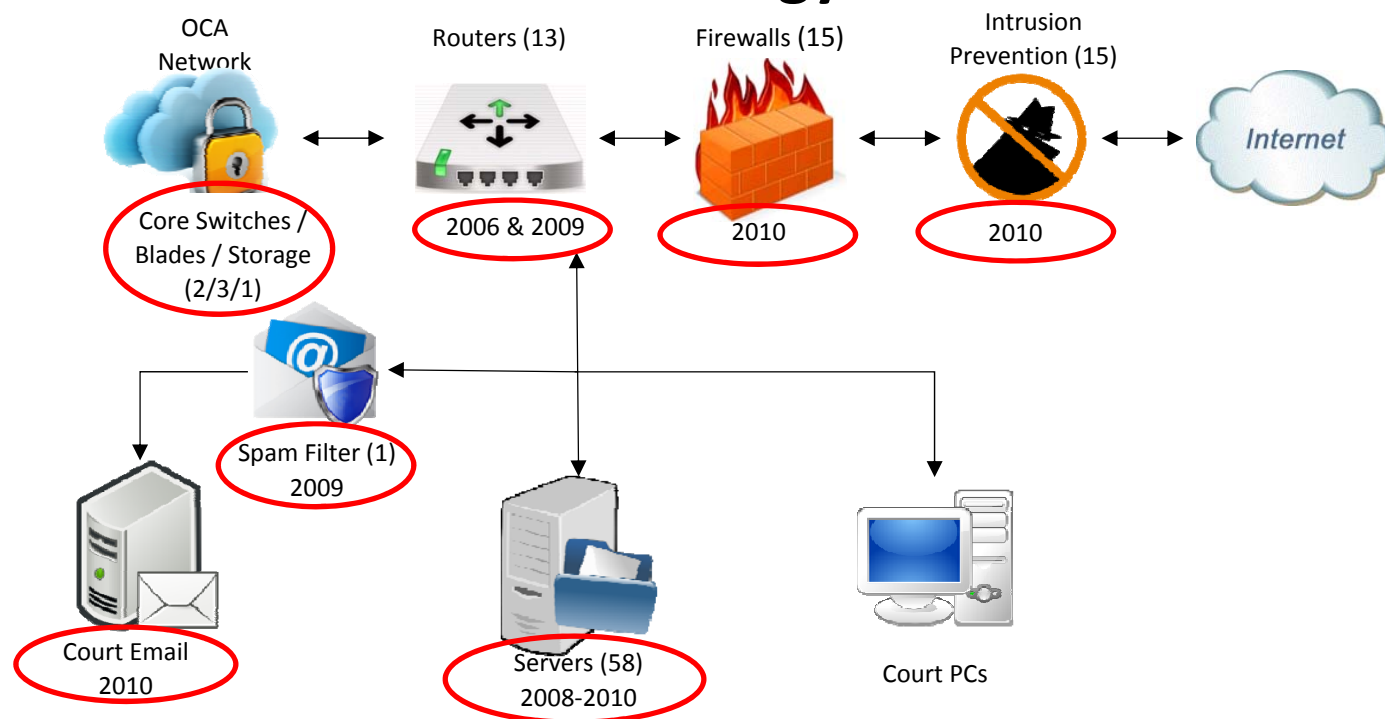
- Fund Project Manager to oversee technology projects - \$93,232/year

- Fund increased Branch cost of Microsoft License - \$52,976/year



# Exceptional Item 5: Replace Legacy Judicial Branch Technology

- Equipment and software essential to the operation of the Judicial Branch network has been identified as “legacy” due to its age
- All equipment is outside of the DIR-recommended replacement schedule – will be 6-9 years old
- Circled items to be replaced – for headquarters, courts of appeals, and for disaster recovery site as well.



## One Time Costs:

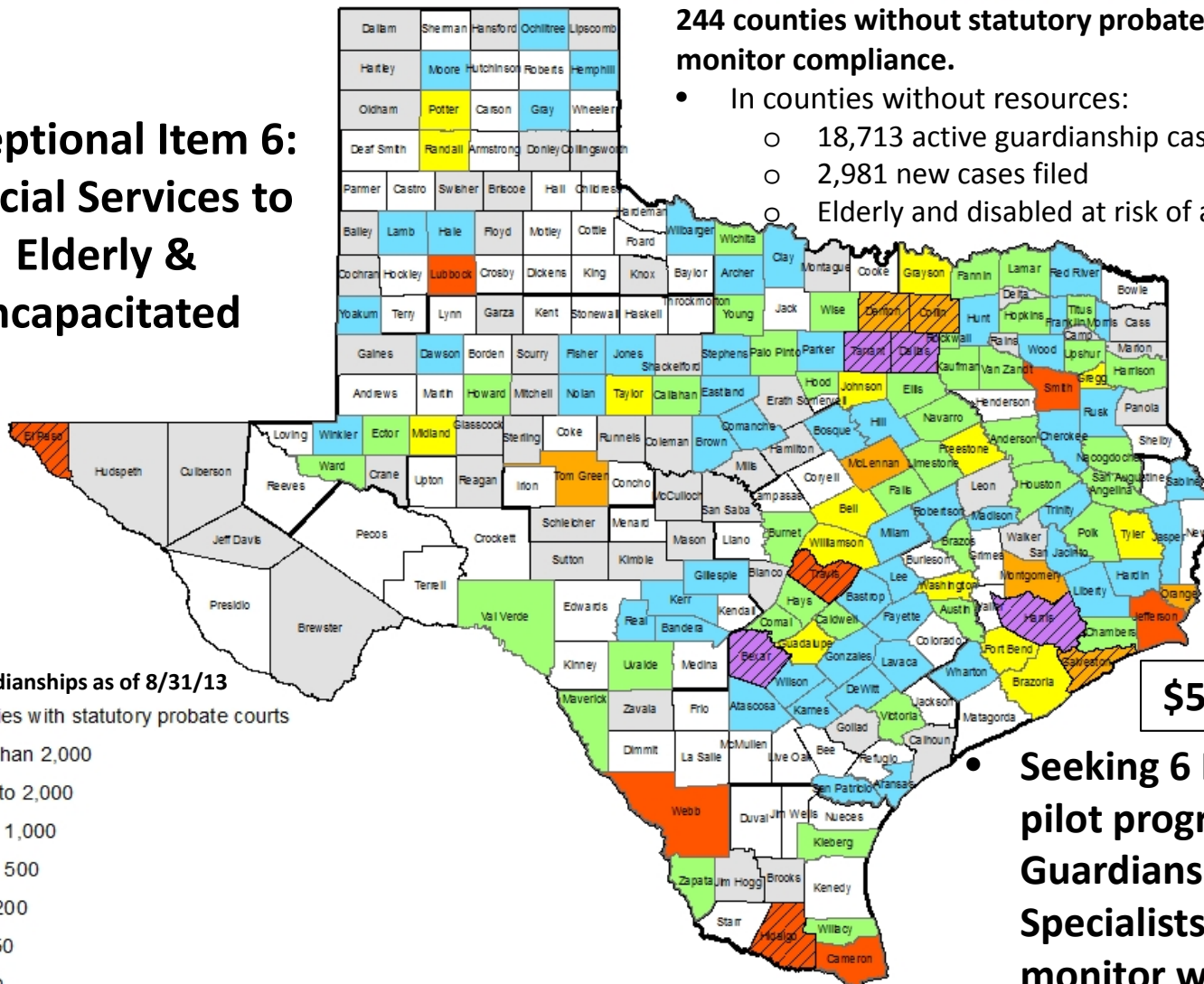
- **Replace Equipment - \$1,667,175**
- **Replace Judicial Data Warehouse - \$950,000**
  - Current system incapable of meeting data needs of policymakers
- **Replace Licensing Database - \$350,000**
  - Current system limits efficiency and transparency to the public and licensees

# Exceptional Item 6: Judicial Services to Elderly & Incapacitated

244 counties without statutory probate courts lack resources to monitor compliance.

- In counties without resources:
  - 18,713 active guardianship cases;
  - 2,981 new cases filed
  - Elderly and disabled at risk of abuse & neglect

Active Guardianships as of 8/31/13



**\$508,533 per year**

- Seeking 6 FTEs to establish pilot program to place Guardianship Compliance Specialists regionally to monitor wards and report to judges
- Funds to use technology for efficiency



# Exceptional Item 7: Implement CAPPs in the Judicial Branch

- Comptroller identified Judicial Branch for implementation in FY16-17
- OCA will coordinate implementation for these 21 entities
- Plan reviewed and approved by the Comptroller
- **Temporary funding for 2 FTEs (Project Manager and Management Analyst), travel to remote locations and other operating expenses**
- **\$432,769 in FY16**
- **\$370,669 in FY17**

