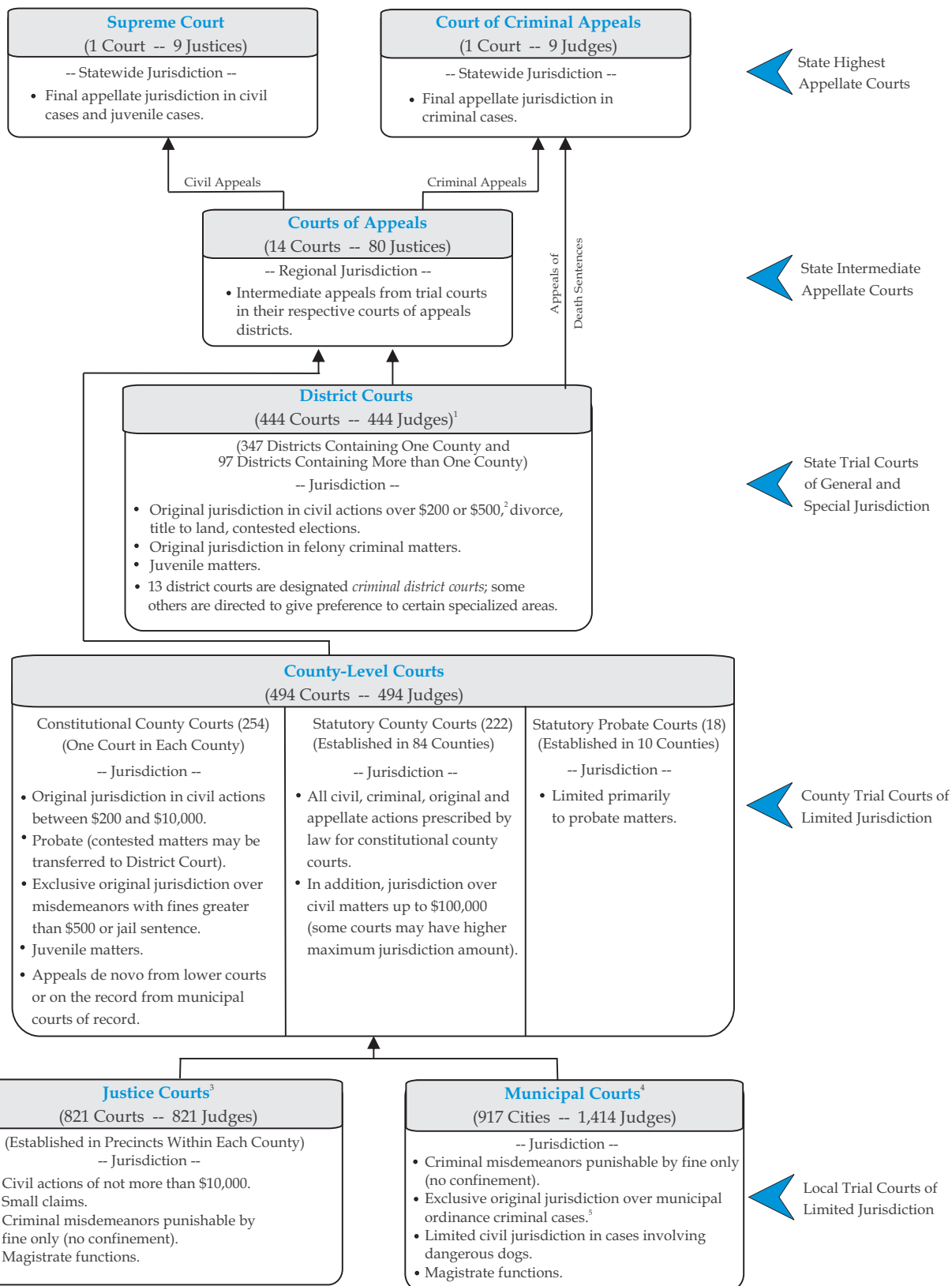


# COURT STRUCTURE OF TEXAS

SEPTEMBER 1, 2008



1. As of September 1, 2008 there were 444 district courts. The 80th Legislature authorized the creation of three additional new courts on September 1, 2007 but these had yet to be implemented. Another court was authorized to be created on September 15, 2008.

2. The dollar amount is currently unclear.

3. All justice courts and most municipal courts are not courts of record. Appeals from these courts are by trial de novo in the county-level courts, and in some instances in the district courts.

4. Some municipal courts are courts of record -- appeals from those courts are taken on the record to the county-level courts.

5. An offense that arises under a municipal ordinance is punishable by a fine not to exceed: (1) \$2,000 for ordinances that govern fire safety, zoning, and public health or (2) \$500 for all others.