



Office of Court Administration

**Jury Charges and Sentences in Capital Cases**

Texas Government Code, Sec. 72.087(c) (Session Laws Ch. 390, 80th Legislature)

**Instructions**

Beginning **September 1, 2007**, the judge or clerk of a court must submit to the Office of Court Administration (OCA) a written record of **any case involving the trial of a capital offense before a jury**, whether or not the death penalty was sought, **or any case in which the defendant is found guilty of a capital offense by a judge and is sentenced by a jury**.

The record must be submitted to OCA **not later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date the judgment of conviction or acquittal is entered in the case and must contain:**

- (1) **if the defendant was found guilty or not guilty by a jury**, the contents of the trial court's charge to the jury;
- (2) if the defendant was **found guilty by either a judge or a jury and the sentencing proceedings were held before a jury**, the contents of the trial court's charge to the jury to determine the defendant's sentence; and
- (3) if the defendant was **found guilty**, the sentence issued in each case.

Documents may be emailed to [ReportingSection@courts.state.tx.us](mailto:ReportingSection@courts.state.tx.us), faxed to (512) 936-2423 or mailed to the following address:

Office of Court Administration  
Attention: Judicial Information  
P O Box 12066  
Austin, TX  
78711-2066

Questions about this reporting requirement may be directed to Angela Garcia at (512) 936-1358 or [Angela.Garcia@courts.state.tx.us](mailto:Angela.Garcia@courts.state.tx.us).