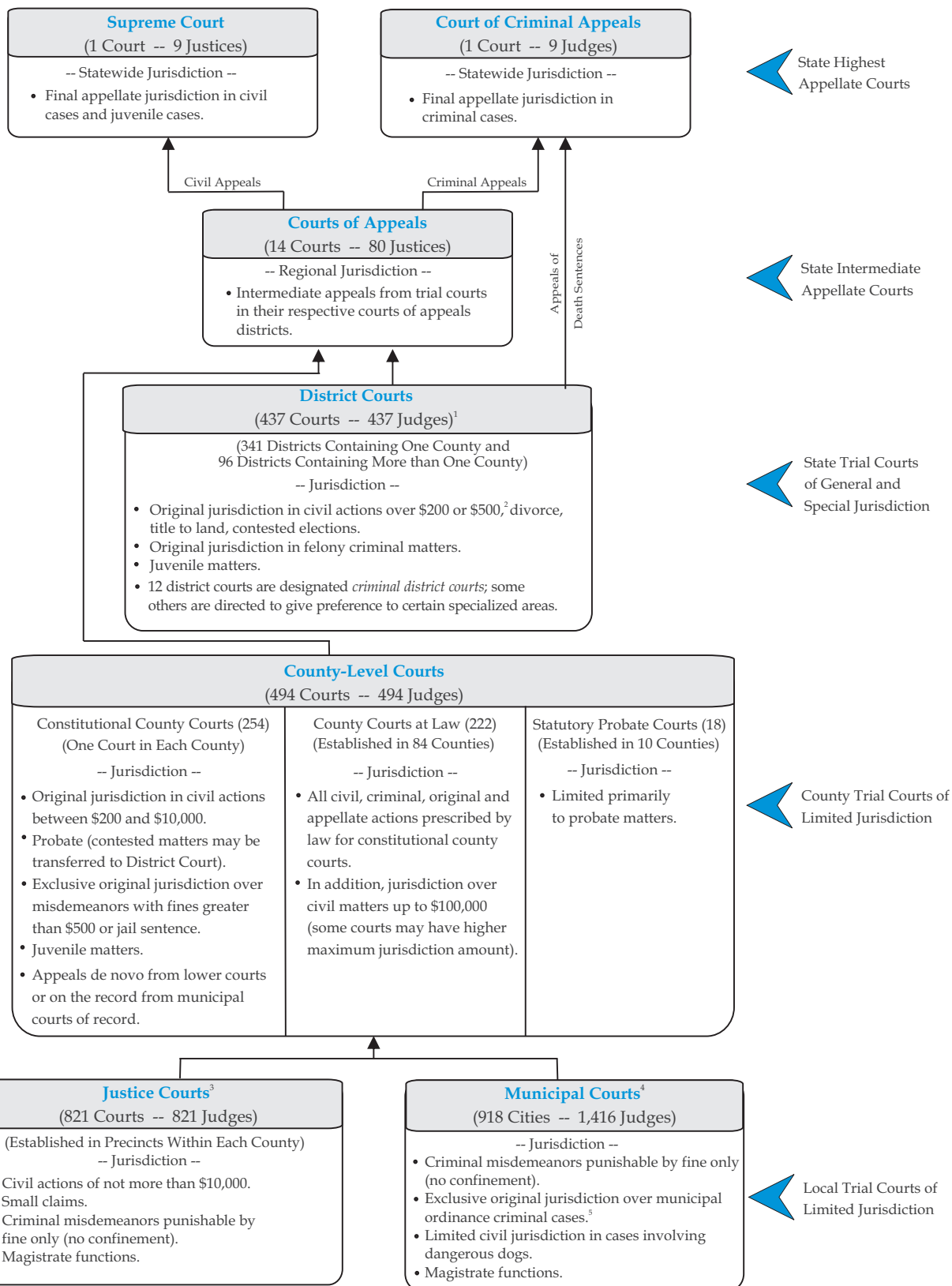


COURT STRUCTURE OF TEXAS

SEPTEMBER 1, 2007



1. As of September 1, 2007, there were 437 district courts. The 80th Legislature authorized the creation of 8 new courts on September 1, 2007 and 1 court on October 1, 2007. On September 1, the 8 newly authorized courts, as well as 1 court authorized by the 79th Legislature to be created on January 1, 2007, had yet to be implemented.

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.