

CHAPTER 129

S.B. No. 596

AN ACT

relating to the requirement that the chief justice deliver a state of the judiciary message to the legislature.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 21.004, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) At a convenient time at the commencement of each regular session of the legislature, the chief justice of the supreme court shall deliver a *written or oral* state of the judiciary message evaluating the accessibility of the courts to the citizens of the state and the future directions and needs of the courts of the state.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on March 18, 1993, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House on April 29, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved May 11, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.