

CHAPTER 69

S.B. No. 151

AN ACT

relating to the authority of courts of appeals to issue writs of mandamus.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 22.221, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Each court of appeals *for a court of appeals district* may issue all writs of mandamus, agreeable to the principles of law regulating those writs, against a judge of a district or county court *in the court of appeals district*.

SECTION 2. This Act applies only to the issuance of writs of mandamus by the courts of appeals under Subsection (b), Section 22.221, Government Code, on or after the effective date of this Act. A writ issued by a court of appeals before the effective date of this Act is governed by Subsection (b), Section 22.221, Government Code, as it existed on the date the writ was issued, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on February 16, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Passed the House on April 23, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved May 6, 1987.

Effective May 6, 1987.