

**State Bar of Texas Task Force on Redistricting
Fiscal Impact Analysis
August 31, 2021**

BACKGROUND The State Bar Act requires the State Bar Board of Directors to review apportionment of bar districts from time to time, as indicated below.

Sec. 81.025. BAR DISTRICTS.

(a) The board of directors shall from time to time reapportion the state into bar districts for electing directors from those districts or to perform any other duty imposed on the state bar by this chapter or the rules of the state bar.

(b) In determining the districts, the board must consider the purposes of the state bar as set out in Section 81.012.

(c) Any reapportionment is subject to the supreme court's approval.

In 2012, based on a recommendation from the Redistricting Task Force, the State Bar Board approved reapportioning a district seat from Houston to Austin. This gave Austin three district director seats, and left Houston with six director seats. The Supreme Court approved the reapportionment and it became effective in 2015.

MISSION Consider and make recommendations if any, to the board of directors on the apportionment of state bar districts pertaining to elected directors. In the review of bar districts, the board must consider the purposes of the State Bar as set out in Section 81.012 of the State Bar Act.

MEMBERS See attached roster.

CONSIDERATIONS 1. The task force will consist of nine members of the board of directors. 2. The members will be located from across the state. 3. All meetings of the task force will be conducted by either in person meetings the day before a board meeting, Zoom, or similar video conferencing. 4. There will be no additional in-person meetings, eliminating costs for travel, meals, and lodging. 5. The task force will start work immediately after board approval and will continue until its work is no longer needed or June 30, 2022, whichever comes first.

FISCAL IMPACT FY2020-21

Upon consultation with Tracy Jarratt, Finance Division Director, the fiscal impact of this workgroup is estimated to be \$2,500.00 to cover unforeseen incidental costs. The funding for this project will be expended from the Officers and Directors budget. Any additional increase to this budget must be approved by the Executive Director and funded from the Presidential Initiatives budget or the Executive Director's Contingency budget unless otherwise approved by the board. The creation of this task force is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal implications to the State Bar's FY 2021-22 general fund budget.

2021-2022 State Bar Taskforce on Redistricting

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