



Operating Budget

for Fiscal Year 2026

**Submitted to the
Office of the Governor, Budget and Policy Division,
and the Legislative Budget Board**

by

**COURT OF APPEALS, THIRD DISTRICT
AUSTIN, TEXAS**

December 17, 2025

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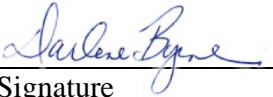
CERTIFICATE

Agency Name Third Court of Appeals

This is to certify that the information contained in the agency operating budget filed with the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and the Office of the Governor, Budget and Policy Division, is accurate to the best of my knowledge and that the electronic submission to the LBB via the Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST) and the PDF file submitted via the LBB Document Submission application are identical.

Additionally, should it become likely at any time that unexpended balances will accrue for any account, the LBB and the Office of the Governor will be notified in writing in accordance with House Bill 1, Article IX, Section 7.01, Eighty-eighth Legislature, Regular Session, 2025.

Chief Executive Office or Presiding Judge



Signature

Darlene Byrne

Printed Name

Chief Justice

Title

December 1, 2025

Date

Board or Commission Chair

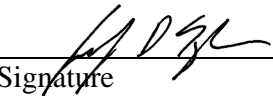
Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date

Chief Financial Officer



Signature

Jeffrey D. Kyle

Printed Name

Clerk of the Court

Title

December 1, 2025

Date

Budget Overview
89th Regular Session, Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

223 Third Court of Appeals District, Austin

	GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS						OTHER FUNDS		ALL FUNDS	
	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026
Goal: 1. Appellate Court Operations										
1.1.1. Appellate Court Operations	2,950,168	3,259,899					39,323	38,000	2,989,491	3,297,899
1.1.2. Appellate Justice Salaries	880,621	1,157,131					182,900	182,900	1,063,521	1,340,031
Total, Goal	3,830,789	4,417,030					222,223	220,900	4,053,012	4,637,930
Total, Agency	3,830,789	4,417,030					222,223	220,900	4,053,012	4,637,930
Total FTEs									31.7	32.0

2.A. Summary of Budget By Strategy

DATE : 12/17/2025
TIME : 3:56:51PM

89th Regular Session, Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

Agency code: 223 Agency name: Third Court of Appeals District, Austin

Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
1 Appellate Court Operations			
1 Appellate Court Operations			
1 APPELLATE COURT OPERATIONS	\$2,848,522	\$2,989,491	\$3,297,899
2 APPELLATE JUSTICE SALARIES	\$1,063,778	\$1,063,521	\$1,340,031
TOTAL, GOAL 1	\$3,912,300	\$4,053,012	\$4,637,930

2.A. Summary of Budget By Strategy

DATE : 12/17/2025

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Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

Agency code: 223

Agency name: Third Court of Appeals District, Austin

Goal/Objective/STRATEGY	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
General Revenue Funds:			
1 General Revenue Fund	\$3,688,105	\$3,830,789	\$4,417,030
	\$3,688,105	\$3,830,789	\$4,417,030
Other Funds:			
573 Judicial Fund	\$182,900	\$182,900	\$182,900
666 Appropriated Receipts	\$5,295	\$3,323	\$2,000
777 Interagency Contracts	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000
	\$224,195	\$222,223	\$220,900
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCING	\$3,912,300	\$4,053,012	\$4,637,930
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS	32.0	31.7	32.0

2.B. Summary of Budget By Method of Finance
89th Regular Session, Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

DATE: **12/17/2025**
TIME: **4:04:49PM**

Agency code: **223** Agency name: **Third Court of Appeals District, Austin**

METHOD OF FINANCING	Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud 2026
<u>GENERAL REVENUE</u>			
<u>1</u> General Revenue Fund			
<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$3,687,836	\$3,799,851	\$0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$4,009,970
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$7,328
Comments: A.1.2,Judicial Salaries Estimated			
<i>RIDER APPROPRIATION</i>			
Art. IX, Sec. 18.83, Contingency for SB293	\$0	\$0	\$268,925
Comments: Judicial Salaries			
<i>TRANSFERS</i>			
Art. IX, Sec. 17.16, 2024-25 GAA	\$1,963	\$30,339	\$0
Comments: 5% Salary Increase			
GAA, 89th Leg. R.S., SB1 Art. IX, Sec. 17.15	\$0	\$0	\$130,807
Comments: 6% Attorney Salaries			
<i>LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
Lapsed Appropriations, Strategy 1 Appellate Court Operations	\$0	\$(92)	\$0
Lapsed Appropriations, Strategy 2 Appellate Justice Salaries	\$(373)	\$(630)	\$0
<i>UNEXPENDED BALANCES AUTHORITY</i>			
Art IX, Sec 14.05, UB Authority within the same biennium (GAA 2024-25)	\$(1,321)	\$1,321	\$0

2.B. Summary of Budget By Method of Finance
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DATE: **12/17/2025**
TIME: **4:04:49PM**

Agency code: **223** Agency name: **Third Court of Appeals District, Austin**

METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud 2026
TOTAL,	General Revenue Fund	\$3,688,105	\$3,830,789	\$4,417,030
TOTAL, ALL	GENERAL REVENUE	\$3,688,105	\$3,830,789	\$4,417,030
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>				
<u>573</u>	Judicial Fund No. 573			
	<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$182,900	\$182,900	\$0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$182,900
TOTAL,	Judicial Fund No. 573	\$182,900	\$182,900	\$182,900
<u>666</u>	Appropriated Receipts			
	<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$0
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$11,000
	<i>LAPSED APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
	Lapsed Appropriations	\$(5,705)	\$(7,677)	\$(9,000)
TOTAL,	Appropriated Receipts	\$5,295	\$3,323	\$2,000
<u>777</u>	Interagency Contracts			
	<i>REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS</i>			
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$0

DATE: 12/17/2025
TIME: 4:04:49PM

Agency name: **Third Court of Appeals District, Austin**

METHOD OF FINANCING		Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud 2026
	Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	\$0	\$0	\$36,000
TOTAL,	Interagency Contracts	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000
TOTAL, ALL	OTHER FUNDS	\$224,195	\$222,223	\$220,900
GRAND TOTAL		\$3,912,300	\$4,053,012	\$4,637,930

FULL-TIME-EQUIVALENT POSITIONS

REGULAR APPROPRIATIONS

Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2024-25 GAA)	32.0	32.0	0.0
Regular Appropriations from MOF Table (2026-27 GAA)	0.0	0.0	32.0

UNAUTHORIZED NUMBER OVER (BELOW) CAP

Unauthorized Number Over (Below) Cap	0.0	(0.3)	0.0
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TOTAL, ADJUSTED FTES

32.0	31.7	32.0
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NUMBER OF 100% FEDERALLY FUNDED FTEs

2.C. Summary of Budget By Object of Expense
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Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

DATE: 12/17/2025
TIME: 4:05:30PM

Agency code: 223

Agency name: Third Court of Appeals District, Austin

OBJECT OF EXPENSE		EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$3,788,426	\$3,880,447	\$4,477,159
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$120,051	\$168,303	\$152,052
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$0	\$141	\$1,339
2006	RENT - BUILDING	\$270	\$0	\$1,080
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$3,553	\$4,121	\$6,300
Agency Total		\$3,912,300	\$4,053,012	\$4,637,930

2.D. Summary of Budget By Objective Outcomes
89th Regular Session, Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
Automated Budget and Evaluation system of Texas (ABEST)

Date : 12/17/2025

Time: 4:06:20PM

Agency code: 223

Agency name: Third Court of Appeals District, Austin

Goal/ Objective / OUTCOME		Exp 2024	Exp 2025	Bud2026
1	Appellate Court Operations			
	<i>1 Appellate Court Operations</i>			
KEY	1 Clearance Rate	97.71 %	86.45 %	100.00 %
KEY	2 Percentage of Cases Under Submission for Less Than One Year	99.77 %	100.00 %	100.00 %
KEY	3 Percentage of Cases Pending for Less Than Two Years	99.83 %	99.68 %	100.00 %

3.A. Strategy Level Detail

DATE: 12/17/2025

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89th Regular Session, Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget
Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)Agency code: **223** Agency name: **Third Court of Appeals District, Austin**

GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations

OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations

STRATEGY: 1 Appellate Court Operations

Service Categories:

Service: 01 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
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Output Measures:

1	Number of Civil Cases Disposed	503.00	602.00	605.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Disposed	308.00	234.00	225.00

Explanatory/Input Measures:

1	Number of Civil Cases Filed	649.00	753.00	750.00
2	Number of Criminal Cases Filed	371.00	320.00	325.00
3	Number of Cases Transferred in	0.00	6.00	0.00
4	Number of Cases Transferred out	190.00	112.00	245.00

Objects of Expense:

1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$2,753,626	\$2,845,647	\$3,173,934
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$91,073	\$139,582	\$115,246
2003	CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES	\$0	\$141	\$1,339
2006	RENT - BUILDING	\$270	\$0	\$1,080
2009	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	\$3,553	\$4,121	\$6,300
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$2,848,522	\$2,989,491	\$3,297,899

Method of Financing:

1	General Revenue Fund	\$2,807,227	\$2,950,168	\$3,259,899
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SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$2,807,227	\$2,950,168	\$3,259,899
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Method of Financing:

666	Appropriated Receipts	\$5,295	\$3,323	\$2,000
777	Interagency Contracts	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000

SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)		\$41,295	\$39,323	\$38,000
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3.A. Strategy Level Detail

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Agency code: 223 Agency name: Third Court of Appeals District, Austin

GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations

OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations

STRATEGY: 1 Appellate Court Operations

Service Categories:

Service: 01 Income: A.2 Age: B.3

CODE	DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE :		\$2,848,522	\$2,989,491	\$3,297,899
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		26.0	25.7	26.0

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Agency code: 223 Agency name: Third Court of Appeals District, Austin

GOAL: 1 Appellate Court Operations

OBJECTIVE: 1 Appellate Court Operations

STRATEGY: 2 Appellate Justice Salaries. Estimated and Nontransferable

Service Categories:

Service: NA Income: NA Age: NA

CODE	DESCRIPTION	EXP 2024	EXP 2025	BUD 2026
Objects of Expense:				
1001	SALARIES AND WAGES	\$1,034,800	\$1,034,800	\$1,303,225
1002	OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$28,978	\$28,721	\$36,806
TOTAL, OBJECT OF EXPENSE		\$1,063,778	\$1,063,521	\$1,340,031
Method of Financing:				
1	General Revenue Fund	\$880,878	\$880,621	\$1,157,131
SUBTOTAL, MOF (GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS)		\$880,878	\$880,621	\$1,157,131
Method of Financing:				
573	Judicial Fund	\$182,900	\$182,900	\$182,900
SUBTOTAL, MOF (OTHER FUNDS)		\$182,900	\$182,900	\$182,900
TOTAL, METHOD OF FINANCE :		\$1,063,778	\$1,063,521	\$1,340,031
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:		6.0	6.0	6.0

3.A. Strategy Level Detail

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SUMMARY TOTALS:

OBJECTS OF EXPENSE:	\$3,912,300	\$4,053,012	\$4,637,930
METHODS OF FINANCE :	\$3,912,300	\$4,053,012	\$4,637,930
FULL TIME EQUIVALENT POSITIONS:	32.0	31.7	32.0