

ITEM REDUCTIONS BY METHOD OF FINANCING
 81st Regular Session, 2010-11 Agency Item Reductions
 Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST)

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Agency code: 226

Agency name: Sixth Court of Appeals District, Texarkana

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1 Leave vacant the authorized new attorney position

Item Comment: As discussed in the joint letter to state leadership dated 2/16/10, the courts of appeals request to maintain the full level of funding appropriated to the courts for FY 2010-11 and use that funding as authorized by the 81st Legislature. Differing reductions to various courts of appeals would impact the "similar funding for same size courts" initiative sought and funded over the past three legislative sessions; therefore, the courts hope that any reductions made in the current biennium will not carryover to the FY 2012-13 biennium.

A 5% reduction would require this court, first, to leave vacant the authorized new attorney position for FY2011. EXPECTED EFFECTS: A reduced ability to process appeals on a timely and efficient basis, though clearance rate would still be expected to be at or above approximately 100%. We would be missing the opportunity to improve the speed at which appeals are processed, heard, and disposed of.

GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS

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| 1 General Revenue Fund | \$0 | \$69,000 |
| General Revenue Funds Total | \$0 | \$69,000 |
| Item Total | \$0 | \$69,000 |

2 Defer ongoing project to scan/digitize existing records

Item Comment: (We incorporate the first paragraph of item 1, above, for this item as well.) A 5% reduction would require this court, second, to defer a significant part of its current scanning project, under which physical/paper records are being scanned into digital form. EXPECTED EFFECTS: A continued vulnerability to disasters which could destroy, or render unavailable, the records of this court necessary to its functioning. Also, a missed opportunity to improve efficiency of our records management and access.

GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS

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| 1 General Revenue Fund | \$0 | \$60,327 |
| General Revenue Funds Total | \$0 | \$60,327 |
| Item Total | \$0 | \$60,327 |

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| Agency General Revenue Total | \$0 | \$129,327 |
| Agency GR Dedicated Total | | |

* - Indicates amount does not meet target requirements.

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| Agency Grand Total | \$0 | \$129,327 | \$129,327 | \$129,327 |

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