

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
TEXAS CHAPTERS OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCATES
(TEX-ABOTA)**

WHEREAS the Texas Chapters of The American Board of Trial Advocates (TEX-ABOTA) is an association of experienced, peer-selected Texas plaintiff and defense trial attorneys who represent individuals and businesses in the courts of this state; and

WHEREAS one of TEX-ABOTA's primary missions is the preservation, protection and improvement of the Texas civil justice system; and

WHEREAS the Texas Judiciary is a fundamental part of our democratic government and constitutionally equal to the legislative and executive branches of government; and

WHEREAS the Judiciary is currently and has been historically severely underfunded by the Texas Legislature to the detriment of the administration of justice in Texas; and

WHEREAS House Bill 1875 introduced in the Eighty-Seventh legislature would create a new system of trial courts and a court of appeals at great expenses to the citizens of Texas; and

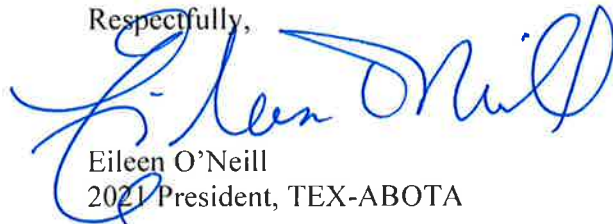
WHEREAS there is no examined, demonstrated, or apparent need for the creation of a separate judiciary for the cases identified in House Bill 1875; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of TEX-ABOTA has voted unanimously to oppose House Bill 1875.

It is the expressed sense of the Board that the Legislature should more adequately fund the existing Judiciary before it creates a new separate court system; and that it is poor public policy to create a separate court system that services only a select few cases and parties.

For these reasons, the Board of Directors of TEX-ABOTA have voted unanimously to oppose the passage of this Legislation and to reach out in a respectful manner to the author and our respective representatives in Austin to express our opposition to its moving forward in the Legislative process.

Respectfully,



Eileen O'Neill
2021 President, TEX-ABOTA