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Subject: SB 1911 Self-Help Notice

From: David Slayton (no-reply@txcourts.gov)

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Dear Judges & Clerks:

Senate Bill 1911, passed in the last legislative session, requires the clerk of each court in Texas to display a sign with information about self-help resources in a format prescribed by the Office of Court Administration (OCA). The statute requires that court users be directed to a self-help website where they can get information about lawyer referral services, local legal aid offices, local court-affiliated self-help centers, and the State Law Library's website. The sign with this information must be displayed prominently in the clerk's office in a location frequently accessed by the public. The clerk is also required to post on the county's website for the clerk or court a link to the self-help website designated by OCA and a link to the State Law Library's website.

Attached are two signs that you may use to meet the requirements of SB 1911. As you can see, they refer to TexasCourtHelp.gov, a website developed by OCA to provide self-help information. (Note: TexasCourtHelp.gov can also be reached at TexasCourtHelp.org.) The Home page of the website provides links to the specific information required by Senate Bill 1911 under the Helpful Links section (e.g., lawyer referral services and legal aid offices). The attached signs also contain a QR barcode that will take a smartphone user directly to the website. One of the signs is also designed to allow the clerk to add information about where computers are available for public use.

Please post one of these signs in a prominent location in your office, and add to the clerk's or court's website a link to TexasCourtHelp.gov and to the State Law Library's website (www.sll.texas.gov). We are working on updating the TexasCourtHelp.gov website and adding other helpful information. If you have any suggestions about how to improve it, please contact Scott Gibson at scott.gibson@txcourts.gov.

Sincerely,

David Slayton
Administrative Director

Attachments

- Self-Help Notice with Computer.pdf (253.22KB)
- Self-Help Notice.pdf (350.60KB)