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1 (10) an employee of a personal bond office, or an
2 employee of a county, who is employed to obtain information
3 required to be obtained under oath if the oath is required or
4 authorized by Article 17.04 or by Article 26.04(n) or (o), Code of
5 Criminal Procedure;
6 (11) the lieutenant governor or a former lieutenant
7 governor;
8 (12) the speaker of the house of representatives or a
9 former speaker of the house of representatives;
10 (13) the governor or a former governor;
11 (14) a legislator or retired legislator;
12 (14-a) the secretary of the senate or the chief clerk
13 of the house of representatives;
14 (15) the attorney general or a former attorney
15 general;
16 (16) the secretary or clerk of a municipality in a
17 matter pertaining to the official business of the municipality;
18 (17) a peace officer described by Article 2.12, Code
19 of Criminal Procedure, if:
20 (A) the oath is administered when the officer is
21 engaged in the performance of the officer's duties; and
22 (B) the administration of the oath relates to the
23 officer's duties; or
24 (18) a county treasurer.
25 ARTICLE 17. APPELLATE RECORD
26 SECTION 17.001. (a) Subchapter B, Chapter 51, Civil
27 Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Section 51.018 to

1 read as follows:

2 Sec. 51.018. APPENDIX IN LIEU OF CLERK'S RECORD. (a) Not
3 later than the 10th day after the date that a party files a notice of
4 appeal for a civil suit, the party may notify the trial court and
5 the court of appeals that the party will file an appendix that
6 replaces the clerk's record for the appeal.

7 (b) The party must file the appendix with the party's
8 appellate brief. Except in an expedited proceeding or by order of
9 the court, the brief and appendix must be filed not later than the
10 30th day after the later of:

11 (1) the date that the party provided notice under
12 Subsection (a); or

13 (2) the date that a reporter's record, if any, is filed
14 with the court of appeals.

15 (c) An appendix filed under this section must contain a
16 file-stamped copy of each document required by Rule 34.5, Texas
17 Rules of Appellate Procedure, for a civil suit and any other item
18 the party intends to reference in the party's brief. The appendix
19 may not contain a document that has not been filed with the trial
20 court except by agreement of the parties to the appeal.

21 (d) An appendix filed in accordance with this section
22 becomes part of the appellate record. A court clerk may not prepare
23 or file a clerk's record or assess a fee for preparing a clerk's
24 record if a party files an appendix in accordance with this section.

25 (b) Section 51.018, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, as
26 added by this section, applies only to a party that files a notice
27 of appeal on or after January 1, 2024. A party that files a notice

1 of appeal before January 1, 2024, is governed by the law in effect
2 on the date the notice was given, and the former law is continued in
3 effect for that purpose.

4 ARTICLE 18. DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS

5 SECTION 18.001. The heading to Chapter 80, Government Code,
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 CHAPTER 80. DELIVERY OF NOTICE, ORDERS, AND DOCUMENTS

8 SECTION 18.002. Section 80.001, Government Code, is amended
9 to read as follows:

10 Sec. 80.001. DELIVERY OF NOTICE OR DOCUMENT. A court,
11 justice, judge, magistrate, or clerk may send any notice or
12 document by a method authorized by Section 80.002(a) ~~[80.002]~~.

13 SECTION 18.003. Section 80.002, Government Code, is amended
14 to read as follows:

15 Sec. 80.002. ~~[AUTHORIZED]~~ DELIVERY OF NOTICE, ORDER, OR
16 DOCUMENT. (a) A court, justice, judge, magistrate, or clerk may
17 send any notice or document using mail or electronic mail. This
18 subsection ~~[section]~~ applies to all civil and criminal statutes
19 requiring delivery of a notice or document.

20 (b) In addition to any other delivery method required or
21 authorized by law or supreme court rule, a statutory county court,
22 district court, or appellate court shall deliver through the
23 electronic filing system established under Section 72.031 to all
24 parties in each case in which the use of the electronic filing
25 system is required or authorized all court orders the court enters
26 for the case.

1 ARTICLE 19. SERVICE OF PROCESS

2 SECTION 19.001. Chapter 30, Civil Practice and Remedies
3 Code, is amended by adding Section 30.0035 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 30.0035. PERSONAL SERVICE OF PROCESS DURING
5 LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDING PROHIBITED. A person may not serve citation
6 or other civil process in person on a member, officer, or employee
7 of the senate or house of representatives during any legislative
8 proceeding. A court shall quash any service made in violation of
9 this section. The supreme court shall revoke the certification of a
10 process server who violates this section. This section is not
11 subject to Section 22.004(c), Government Code.

12 ARTICLE 20. EFFECTIVE DATE

13 SECTION 20.001. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this
14 Act and Subsection (b) of this section, this Act takes effect
15 September 1, 2023.

16 (b) Article 15 of this Act takes effect immediately if this
17 Act receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each
18 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.
19 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate
20 effect, Article 15 of this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.