

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: 232 Agency name: Twelfth Court of Appeals District, Tyler

Item Priority and Name/ Method of Financing	2010	2011	Biennial Total	Target
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1 5% Reduction

Item Comment: As discussed in the joint letter to state leadership dated 2/16/2010, the courts of appeals request to maintain the level of funding appropriated to the courts for FY 2010-2011 and utilize that funding as authorized by the 81st Legislature. A 5% reduction would require this court to reduce staffing by one (1) FTE, a staff attorney. Additionally, to meet a 5% reduction, this court would be required to return all of our portion of the block grant funds previously appropriated in order to afford the court the one (1) staff attorney necessary to assist with the high number of new cases filed per justice that we continue to experience. Any reduction of our already tight budget would certainly have an adverse effect on this court's effective and efficient operations, but a 5% reduction would reduce our court staff once again to the smallest number of FTE's (15) for any Texas appellate court. At the same time, we face the highest number of filings per justice in the state. Any reduction will have a disproportionately negative impact on the time required to process appeals. This would result in a backlog of cases that would require additional resources in future bienniums to address.

GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS

1 General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$131,720		
General Revenue Funds Total	\$0	\$131,720		
Item Total	\$0	\$131,720		
Agency General Revenue Total	\$0	\$131,720		
Agency GR Dedicated Total				
Agency Grand Total	\$0	\$131,720	\$131,720	\$131,720

* - Indicates amount does not meet target requirements.