**Supreme Court**
- **Number**: 1 chief justice and 8 justices.
- **Selection**: Partisan, statewide election. Vacancies between elections filled by gubernatorial appointment with advice and consent of Senate.
- **Qualifications**: Citizen of U.S. and of Texas; age 35 to 74; and a practicing lawyer, or lawyer and judge of court of record together, for at least 10 years.
- **Term**: 6 years.

**Court of Criminal Appeals**
- **Number**: 1 presiding judge and 8 judges.
- **Selection**: Partisan, statewide election. Vacancies between elections filled by gubernatorial appointment with advice and consent of Senate.
- **Qualifications**: Citizen of U.S. and of Texas; age 35 to 74; and a practicing lawyer, or lawyer and judge of court of record together, for at least 10 years.
- **Term**: 6 years.

**Courts of Appeals**
- **Number**: Each court has 1 chief justice and from 2 to 12 additional justices, for a total of 80 justices statewide.
- **Selection**: Partisan election within each court of appeals district. Vacancies between elections filled by gubernatorial appointment with advice and consent of Senate.
- **Qualifications**: Citizen of U.S. and of Texas; age 35 to 74; and a practicing lawyer, or lawyer and judge of court of record together, for at least 10 years.
- **Term**: 6 years.

**District Courts**
- **Number**: 1 judge per court.
- **Selection**: Partisan, district-wide election. Vacancies between elections filled by gubernatorial appointment with advice and consent of Senate.
- **Qualifications**: Citizen of U.S. and of Texas; age 25 to 74; resident of the district for 2 years; and a practicing lawyer or judge, or both combined, for 4 years.
- **Term**: 4 years.

**County-Level Courts**
- **Constitutional County Courts**
  - **Number**: 1 judge per court.
  - **Selection**: Partisan, county-wide election. Vacancies between elections filled by appointment by county commissioners.
  - **Qualifications**: “Shall be well informed in the law of the State.” (Law license not required.)
  - **Term**: 4 years.

- **Statutory County Courts**
  - **Number**: 1 judge per court.
  - **Selection**: Partisan, county-wide election. Vacancies between elections filled by appointment by county commissioners.
  - **Qualifications**: Citizen of U.S., age 25 or older; resident of county for at least 2 years; and a licensed attorney who has practiced law or served as a judge for 4 years.
  - **Term**: 4 years.

- **Statutory Probate Courts**
  - **Number**: 1 judge per court.
  - **Selection**: Partisan, county-wide election. Vacancies between elections filled by appointment by county commissioners.
  - **Qualifications**: Citizen of U.S., age 25 or older; resident of county for at least 2 years; and a licensed attorney who has practiced law or served as a judge for 5 years.
  - **Term**: 4 years.

**Justice Courts**
- **Number**: 1 judge per court.
- **Selection**: Partisan, precinct-wide election.
- **Qualifications**: No specific statutory or constitutional provisions apply.
- **Term**: 4 years.

**Municipal Courts**
- **Number**: Generally, 1 court per incorporated municipality and 1 judge per court. Statutes allow some city governing bodies to establish more than 1 court and/or more than 1 judge per court.
- **Selection**: Elected or appointed by the governing body of the city as provided by city charter or ordinance.
- **Qualifications**: Determined by the governing body of the city.
- **Term**: 2 or 4 years.