

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 4068 of the 81st Texas Legislature, Regular Session, due to the following objections:

House Bill No. 4068 seeks to provide authority to the Texas Supreme Court and Texas Court of Criminal Appeals when there is a disaster in the state. Another bill passed during the 81st Legislature Regular Session, House Bill No. 1861, also provides authority over the judicial branch in Texas to the Texas Supreme Court and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in the event of a disaster. House Bill No. 1861 and House Bill No. 4068 contain conflicting provisions, and enacting both would lead to time-consuming litigation to resolve these conflicts. In the event that a disaster affects operations of the judicial branch, returning operations to their regular state as quickly as possible is the highest priority. Because of these conflicts and because I believe House Bill No. 1861 provides a better framework for the judicial branch during a state of disaster, I am vetoing House Bill No. 4068.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this the 19th day of June, 2009.

RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:
COBY SHORTER, III
Deputy Secretary of State