

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 3562</b>
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<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>11328</b>
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<b>Impact: AOC:</b>	<b>significant impact, information forthcoming</b>

**Research Analysis**

The committee substitute for HB 3562 organizes two divisions of the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals: the Eastern Division, which will sit in Tulsa County, and the Western Division, which will sit in Oklahoma County. The measure directs the Supreme Court to assign every appeal of a district court decision, aside from criminal cases, to the Court of Civil Appeals beginning Jan. 1, 2021. Upon assignment, each case is to be heard by a randomly assigned and rotating three-judge panel.

The measure also specifies that each division will have nine judges who are limited to three terms. All judges serving on Jan. 1, 2021, will serve the remainder of their terms and no more than two additional terms.

Additionally, the measure directs the Court of Civil Appeals to establish a court calendar that includes dates and times of oral arguments and dates of court conferences and is easily accessible to the public on the court's website.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

HB 3562, which deals with the Court of Civil Appeals under the purview of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), upon review by the AOC, is determined to have a significant impact. More detailed information is forthcoming.

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**Other Considerations**

None.