
Court to Appoint Rules Committee

A committee of twenty-one members to formulate rules of procedure for the civil courts of Texas, as provided by the Rule-making Power Act, will be appointed some time in January, the Supreme Court announced after a meeting with the Texas Civil Judicial Council and Angus G. Wynne, president of the Texas Bar Association, December 8. The Act, conferring full rule-making power on the Court, was passed by the Legislature at its last Reg-

ular Session, with an appropriation of \$5,000 to defray expenses of the work.

After the Court, with the assistance of the committee, has promulgated the rules, copies will be sent to the Secretary of State and members-elect of the next Legislature. Unless disapproved by the Legislature, they will become effective, superseding the existing rules, September 1, 1941. After the general revision, the Court may from time to time promulgate specific rules, which will become effective sixty days after being filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court and mailed to all registered members of the State Bar.

The purpose of the Act is to modernize procedure so that the administration of justice might be more speedy and certain. The Supreme Court made the following statement concerning the committee:

"It is the intention of the Court to appoint a representative committee to do the detailed work required by the Act. The Supreme Court in the near future will announce the personnel of the committee and after it is appointed it will meet and organize its work of preparing the rules and the data connected therewith."

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"Civil justice in Texas is expected to be more prompt and less expensive in many instances as a result of steps now being taken to formulate new rules of court procedure," the *Dallas News* stated editorially December 12. "A just court decision in a civil case does not always give full justice if the case is required to drag on for years and cause heavy expense to both sides of the litigation."