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TOPIC: MAVERICK COUNTY APPEAL UPDATE

The Court of Appeals in San Antonio has scheduled oral argument in the constitutional challenge to Senate Bill 1. It has set argument for March 3, 1992, at 10:00 a.m.

This case will be heard <u>en banc</u> before all seven judges of the San Antonio court. This is a highly unusual procedure recognizing the obvious importance of this appeal. Lawyers for the AFL-CIO requested the en banc hearing.

We are further hopeful that the court will render its decision before its summer recess. This rather early hearing date suggests some interest on the part of the court to expedite its consideration of the case.

We do not expect a final answer from the Supreme Court until late 1992 or early 1993.

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