

**TEXAS COURT OF APPEALS, THIRD DISTRICT, AT AUSTIN**

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**NO. 03-13-00022-CV**

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**In re Charles Hamilton, Jr.**

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**ORIGINAL PROCEEDING FROM TRAVIS COUNTY**

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**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

Relator, Charles Hamilton, Jr., an inmate in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, filed a pro se petition for writ of mandamus in this Court. *See* Tex. Gov't Code Ann. § 22.221 (West 2004); *see also* Tex. R. App. P. 52.1. In his petition, Hamilton asks us to issue a writ of mandamus directed to the Travis County District Clerk.

This Court's mandamus jurisdiction, governed by section 22.221 of the Texas Government Code, is expressly limited to: (1) writs against a district court judge or county court judge in this Court's district, and (2) all writs necessary to enforce our jurisdiction. *See* Tex. Gov't Code Ann. § 22.221. Thus, we have no jurisdiction to issue a writ of mandamus against a district clerk unless necessary to enforce our jurisdiction. *See id.*; *In re Washington*, 7 S.W.3d 181, 182 (Tex. App.—Houston [1st Dist.] 1999, orig. proceeding). Hamilton has not demonstrated that the exercise of our writ power is necessary to enforce our jurisdiction. We therefore have no jurisdiction to grant Hamilton the relief he seeks.

Accordingly, the petition is dismissed for want of jurisdiction.

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Melissa Goodwin, Justice

Before Chief Justice Jones, Justices Goodwin and Field

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