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H.B. No. 31

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the creation, composition, and funding of the 415th  
3 Judicial District.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 24, Government Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 24.559 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 24.559. 415TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (PARKER COUNTY). The  
8 415th Judicial District is composed of Parker County.

9 SECTION 2. Section 32.184(a), Government Code, is amended  
10 to read as follows:

11 (a) The Commissioners Court of Parker County may budget for  
12 and pay the judges [~~judge~~] of the 43rd and 415th judicial districts  
13 [~~Judicial District~~] an annual salary not to exceed \$7,800 for  
14 performing judicial and administrative services.

15 SECTION 3. Section 43.125, Government Code, is amended to  
16 read as follows:

17 Sec. 43.125. 43RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT. The voters of the 43rd  
18 Judicial District elect a district attorney who represents the  
19 state in all cases before the 43rd and 415th district courts.

20 SECTION 4. Subchapter G, Chapter 51, Government Code, is  
21 amended by adding Section 51.609 to read as follows:

22 Sec. 51.609. ADDITIONAL FILING FEE FOR PARKER COUNTY  
23 DISTRICT COURTS. (a) In addition to all other fees authorized or  
24 required by other law, the clerk of a Parker County district court

1 shall collect a filing fee of \$35 in each case filed in the court.

2 (b) Court fees due under this section shall be collected in  
3 the same manner as other fees, fines, or costs are collected in the  
4 case.

5 (c) The clerk shall send the fees collected under this  
6 section to the county treasurer at least as frequently as monthly.  
7 The treasurer shall deposit the fees in a special account in the  
8 county treasury dedicated to the purposes provided by Subsection

9 (d).

10 (d) Notwithstanding Sections 659.011 and 659.012, the  
11 Commissioners Court of Parker County shall, using the money in the  
12 special account, pay the judge of the 415th Judicial District an  
13 annual salary in an amount equal to the total salary that would  
14 otherwise be paid to that judge under Section 659.012. The  
15 commissioners court may use any remaining money in the special  
16 account to pay additional compensation to the judges of the 43rd and  
17 415th judicial districts and the operating expenses of the 43rd and  
18 415th judicial districts.

19 (e) This section expires January 1, 2006.

20 SECTION 5. Section 152.1901(b), Human Resources Code, is  
21 amended to read as follows:

22 (b) The [~~district court~~] judge of the 43rd Judicial District  
23 is the chairman of the board.

24 SECTION 6. Section 10(c), S.B. No. 1551, Acts of the 78th  
25 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is amended to read as follows:

26 (c) The 414th, [~~415th~~] 419th, 420th, 421st, and 422nd  
27 judicial districts are created September 1, 2005.

1           SECTION 7. Section 11(c), S.B. No. 1551, Acts of the 78th  
2 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is amended to read as follows:

3           (c) Sections 2, [~~3~~] 6, 7, 8, and 9 of this Act take effect  
4 September 1, 2005.

5           SECTION 8. Section 3, S.B. No. 1551, Acts of the 78th  
6 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, is repealed.

7           SECTION 9. The 415th Judicial District is created and this  
8 Act takes effect January 1, 2004.