

Amend CSHB 7 by inserting the following new article, appropriately numbered, and renumbering the subsequent articles accordingly:

ARTICLE _____. DISTRICT JUDGES' SALARIES

SECTION _____. Sections 659.012(a) and (e), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding Section 659.011:

(1) a justice of the supreme court is entitled to an annual salary from the state that is at least \$102,463;

(2) a justice of a court of appeals other than the chief justice is entitled to an annual salary from the state that is five percent less than the salary provided by the General Appropriations Act for a justice of the supreme court, except that the combined salary of a justice of the court of appeals other than the chief justice from all state and county sources may not exceed the amount that is \$1,000 less than the salary provided for a justice of the supreme court;

(3) the chief justice of a court of appeals is entitled to an annual salary from the state that is \$2,500 more than the salary provided for the other justices of the court of appeals, except that the combined salary of the chief justice of a court of appeals may not exceed the amount that is \$500 less than the salary provided for a justice of the supreme court; and

(4) a judge of a district court is entitled to an annual salary from the state that is 10 percent less than the salary provided in the General Appropriations Act for a justice of the supreme court~~[, except that unless otherwise provided by law, the combined salary of a district judge from state and county sources may not exceed the amount that is \$2,000 less than the salary provided for a justice of the supreme court].~~

(e) For the purpose of salary payments by the state, the comptroller shall determine from sworn statements filed by the justices of the courts of appeals ~~[and district judges]~~ that the required salary differentials provided by this section are maintained. If a salary combined with a county supplement would be in excess of the differential provided by this section, the comptroller shall reduce the state salary by the amount of the

excess.

SECTION _____. Section 659.012(b), Government Code, is repealed.

SECTION _____. This article takes effect January 15, 2004.