

BILL ANALYSIS

S.B. 1781
By: Ogden
Judicial Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Currently, district court judges' salaries are paid by a combination of state and county funds, but statutes cap the amount that the state and county may pay said judges. S.B. 1781 removes the cap from the amount Grimes, Walker, and Madison counties are authorized to pay as supplemental salaries to their district judges for judicial and administrative services.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 32.093(a), Government Code, to authorize the commissioners court of Grimes County to pay the judge of the district courts having jurisdiction in the county an annual supplemental salary for judicial and administrative services. Deletes text stating that the salary paid by the county may not exceed \$1,200.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 32.157(a), Government Code, to authorize the commissioners court of Madison County to pay the judges of the district courts having jurisdiction in the county an annual supplemental salary for judicial and administrative services. Deletes text stating that the salary paid by the county may not exceed \$1,200.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 32.236(a), Government Code, to authorize the commissioners court of Walker County to pay the judges of the district courts having jurisdiction in the county an annual supplemental salary for judicial and administrative services. Deletes text stating that the salary paid by the county may not exceed \$1,200.

SECTION 4. Repealer: Section 32.093(d) (Grimes County), Government Code; Section 32.145(d) (Leon County), Government Code; Section 32.157(d) (Madison County), Government Code; and Section 32.236(d) (Walker County), Government Code.

SECTION 5. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2003.