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H.B. No. 1717

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the compensation of district judges who preside over
3 certain proceedings.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 24, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 24.023 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 24.023. ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF DISTRICT JUDGE. In
8 addition to a district judge's official duties, a district judge
9 may preside over a proceeding in a drug court program established
10 under Chapter 469, Health and Safety Code.

11 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 32, Government Code, is
12 amended by adding Section 32.301 to read as follows:

13 Sec. 32.301. SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION: DRUG COURT
14 PROGRAM. (a) Notwithstanding Section 659.012 or any other law, a
15 district judge who presides over a proceeding in a drug court
16 program as authorized by Section 24.023 may receive reasonable
17 supplemental compensation if program funding is available and
18 designated for that purpose.

19 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, supplemental
20 compensation paid to a district judge under this section is not
21 included as part of the district judge's total annual salary for
22 purposes of computing another salary that is based on the salary of
23 the district judge.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.