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H.B. No. 2157

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the use of the judicial and court personnel training
3 fund.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 56.003(b) and (f), Government Code, are
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) No more than one-third of the funds appropriated for any
8 fiscal year shall be used for the continuing legal education of
9 judges of appellate courts, district courts, county courts at law,
10 county courts performing judicial functions, full-time associate
11 judges and masters appointed pursuant to Chapter 201 [~~Section~~
12 ~~201.001~~], Family Code, and full-time masters, magistrates,
13 referees, and associate judges appointed pursuant to Chapter 54 as
14 required by the court of criminal appeals under Section 74.025 and
15 of their court personnel.

16 (f) The court of criminal appeals shall grant legal funds to
17 statewide professional associations of prosecuting attorneys,
18 criminal defense attorneys who regularly represent indigent
19 defendants in criminal matters, and justices of the peace, and
20 other entities. The association's or entity's [~~whose~~] purposes
21 must include providing continuing legal education, technical
22 assistance, and other support programs.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.