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H.B. No. 2756

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to compensation for the training of and for services  
3 rendered at a polling place by certain election officers and for an  
4 increase in filing fees to aid in providing that compensation.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 32.091, Election Code, is amended by  
7 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as  
8 follows:

9 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (c), an [An] election  
10 judge or clerk is entitled to compensation for services rendered at  
11 a precinct polling place at an hourly rate not to exceed the amount  
12 fixed by the appropriate authority, which amount must be at least  
13 the federal minimum hourly wage. A judge or clerk may be compensated  
14 at that rate for services rendered under Section 62.014(c).

15 (c) For an election ordered by the governor or a county  
16 authority or for a primary election, the maximum hourly rate is the  
17 greater of the maximum rate provided by Subsection (a) or \$7 if the  
18 election officer attended a training program as provided by  
19 Subchapter F.

20 SECTION 2. Section 32.112, Election Code, is amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 Sec. 32.112. EXPENSE OF TRAINING JUDGES. The governing  
23 body of a political subdivision may appropriate funds to:

24 (1) compensate its election judges, early voting

1 clerk, and deputy early voting clerks in charge of early voting  
2 polling places for attending training programs, at an hourly rate  
3 not to exceed the maximum rate of compensation of an election judge  
4 for services rendered at a precinct polling place or, if  
5 applicable, for attendance of a training program under Section  
6 32.114; and

7 (2) pay the expenses of conducting the programs.

8 SECTION 3. Section 32.114, Election Code, is amended by  
9 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

10 (e) An election judge, early voting clerk, or deputy early  
11 voting clerk in charge of an early voting polling place is entitled  
12 to compensation for attending the training program at an hourly  
13 rate not to exceed \$7.

14 SECTION 4. Section 172.024(a), Election Code, is amended to  
15 read as follows:

16 (a) The filing fee for a candidate for nomination in the  
17 general primary election is as follows:

- 18 (1) United States senator . . . . . \$5,000 [~~\$4,000~~]
- 19 (2) office elected statewide, except United States  
20 senator . . . . . 3,750 [~~3,000~~]
- 21 (3) United States representative . . . . . 3,125 [~~2,500~~]
- 22 (4) state senator . . . . . 1,250 [~~1,000~~]
- 23 (5) state representative . . . . . 750 [~~600~~]
- 24 (6) member, State Board of Education . . . . . 300 [~~250~~]
- 25 (7) chief justice or justice, court of appeals, other  
26 than a justice specified by Subdivision (8) . . . . . 1,875 [~~1,500~~]
- 27 (8) chief justice or justice of a court of appeals that

1 serves a court of appeals district in which a county with a  
2 population of more than 850,000 is wholly or partly  
3 situated . . . . . 2,500 [~~2,000~~]

4 (9) district judge or judge specified by Section  
5 52.092(d) for which this schedule does not otherwise prescribe a  
6 fee . . . . . 1,500 [~~1,200~~]

7 (10) district or criminal district judge of a court in  
8 a judicial district wholly contained in a county with a population  
9 of more than 850,000 . . . . . 2,500 [~~2,000~~]

10 (11) judge, statutory county court, other than a judge  
11 specified by Subdivision (12) . . . . . 1,500 [~~1,200~~]

12 (12) judge of a statutory county court in a county with  
13 a population of more than 850,000 . . . . . 2,500 [~~2,000~~]

14 (13) district attorney, criminal district attorney,  
15 or county attorney performing the duties of a district  
16 attorney . . . . . 1,250 [~~1,000~~]

17 (14) county commissioner, county clerk, sheriff,  
18 county tax assessor-collector, county treasurer, or judge,  
19 constitutional county court:

20 (A) county with a population of 200,000 or  
21 more . . . . . 1,250 [~~1,000~~]

22 (B) county with a population of under  
23 200,000 . . . . . 750 [~~600~~]

24 (15) justice of the peace or constable:

25 (A) county with a population of 200,000 or  
26 more . . . . . 1,000 [~~800~~]

27 (B) county with a population of under

1 200,000 . . . . . 375 [300]

2 (16) county surveyor, inspector of hides and animals,  
3 or public weigher . . . . . 75 [50]

4 (17) office of the county government for which this  
5 schedule does not otherwise prescribe a fee . . . . . 750 [600]

6 SECTION 5. Section 173.005(a), Election Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 [~~(a)~~] The maximum hourly rate payable with state funds in a  
9 particular primary election year to election judges serving in a  
10 primary election for attending training programs is the same as the  
11 maximum rate prescribed by this code for [~~a political~~  
12 ~~subdivision's~~] compensation for attending a training program for  
13 election judges appointed to serve in elections ordered by the  
14 governor or a county authority [~~of its election judges for the same~~  
15 ~~activity~~].

16 SECTION 6. Section 173.005(b), Election Code, is repealed.

17 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.