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H.B. No. 3306

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to statutory authority to reduce appropriations made by  
3 the legislature to certain individuals and governmental entities.

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

5 SECTION 1. The amounts or entitlements required by statute  
6 for individuals or entities that receive state funds under Article  
7 IV of the General Appropriations Act may be reduced or eliminated in  
8 order to achieve a balanced budget.

9 SECTION 2. An active, former, or retired visiting judge or  
10 justice is not entitled to an amount from the state for expenses,  
11 per diem, travel, or salary that exceeds the amount authorized for  
12 those purposes by the General Appropriations Act.

13 SECTION 3. A local administrative district judge is not  
14 entitled to a salary from the state under Section 659.0125,  
15 Government Code, that exceeds the amount authorized for that salary  
16 by the General Appropriations Act.

17 SECTION 4. An active district judge is not entitled to  
18 travel expenses under Section 24.019, Government Code, in an amount  
19 that exceeds the amount authorized for those expenses by the  
20 General Appropriations Act.

21 SECTION 5. A judge, justice, or prosecuting attorney is not  
22 entitled to an amount from the state for a salary, a salary  
23 supplement, office expenses or reimbursement of office expenses, or  
24 travel that exceeds the amount authorized for those purposes by the

1 General Appropriations Act.

2 SECTION 6. (a) A county is not entitled to receive from the  
3 state supplemental salary compensation for county prosecutors  
4 under Section 46.0031, Government Code, or longevity pay  
5 supplements reimbursement under Section 41.255, Government Code,  
6 or any other supplements for prosecutors, in an amount that exceeds  
7 the amount appropriated for those purposes by the General  
8 Appropriations Act.

9 (b) A county is not entitled to state contributions for  
10 salaries or supplements under Chapter 25 or 26, Government Code, in  
11 an amount that exceeds the amounts appropriated for those purposes  
12 in the General Appropriations Act.

13 (c) A county is not entitled to reimbursement under Article  
14 11.071, Code of Criminal Procedure, for reimbursement for  
15 compensation and payment of expenses of counsel under Article  
16 11.071, Code of Criminal Procedure, for counsel appointed under  
17 that article or prior law in an amount that exceeds the amount  
18 appropriated for that purpose in the General Appropriations Act.

19 SECTION 7. A person reimbursed by the state for travel and  
20 expenses for attendance as a witness as provided by Article 35.27,  
21 Code of Criminal Procedure, is not entitled to an amount that  
22 exceeds the amount appropriated for that purpose by the General  
23 Appropriations Act.

24 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.