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H.B. No. 3306

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
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. Notwithstanding any statute to the contrary, the
6 legislature, in its discretion, may determine the amount of each
7 appropriation of state funds. The amounts or entitlements required
8 by statute for individuals or entities that receive state funds
9 under Article IV of the General Appropriations Act may be reduced or
10 eliminated in order to achieve a balanced budget.

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

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

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

23 SECTION 5. A judge, justice, or prosecuting attorney is not
24 entitled to an amount from the state for a salary, a salary

1 supplement, office expenses or reimbursement of office expenses, or
2 travel that exceeds the amount authorized for those purposes by the
3 General Appropriations Act.

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

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

15 (c) A county is not entitled to reimbursement under Article
16 11.071, Code of Criminal Procedure, for reimbursement for
17 compensation of counsel under that article in an amount that
18 exceeds the amount appropriated for that purpose in the General
19 Appropriations Act.

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

25 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.