

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

S.B. 550  
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Judiciary  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Convicted defendants pay fees into a courthouse security fund. The purpose of this bill is to permit these funds to be used to finance security personnel costs and to pay the salary of the bailiff of the 106th District Court.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 53.009(k), Government Code, to provide that the salary [of a bailiff] is paid out of the general fund of each county, except that the salary paid to the bailiff of the 106th District court may be paid out of either the general fund or the courthouse security fund of each county.

SECTION 2. Amends Article 102.017(d), Code of Criminal Procedure, to authorize a fund designated by this subsection to be used only to finance security personnel for a district, county, justice, or municipal court, as appropriate, or to finance items when used for the purpose of providing security services for buildings housing a district, county, justice, or municipal court, as appropriate, including certain devices, procedures, and personnel.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2005