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H.B. No. 1279

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the compensation of official court reporters for  
3 statutory county courts in Montgomery County.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 52, Government Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 52.0531 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 52.0531. COMPENSATION OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICIAL  
8 COURT REPORTER. (a) An official court reporter for a statutory  
9 county court in Montgomery County shall be paid a salary set by the  
10 order of the judge of the court the reporter serves. This salary is  
11 in addition to transcript fees, fees for a statement of facts, and  
12 other necessary expenses authorized by law.

13 (b) An order increasing the salary of an official court  
14 reporter for a statutory county court in Montgomery County must be  
15 submitted to the Commissioners Court of Montgomery County not later  
16 than September 1 immediately before the adoption of the county  
17 budget for the next year. The commissioners court may allow an  
18 extension of this time limit.

19 (c) The official court reporter for a statutory county court  
20 in Montgomery County may not receive a salary that is more than 10  
21 percent greater than the salary received during the preceding  
22 budget year without the approval of the Commissioners Court of  
23 Montgomery County.

24 (d) A person appointed to succeed an official court reporter

1 for a statutory county court may not receive a salary greater than  
2 the salary received by the person's predecessor in office.

3 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act by adding  
4 Section 52.0531, Government Code, apply only to the salary of an  
5 official court reporter for a statutory county court in Montgomery  
6 County set on or after the effective date of this Act.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.