

AN ACT

relating to the compensation of presiding judges of administrative judicial regions.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 74.051(b) and (c), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), a presiding judge shall receive a salary not to exceed \$33,000 [~~\$23,000~~] a year. The Texas Judicial Council shall set the salary biennially and, in arriving at the amount of the salary, shall consider whether the presiding judge is active in administrative duties, performs part time, or is a retired judge. The salary set by the Texas Judicial Council shall be apportioned to each county in the region according to the population of the counties comprising the region and shall be paid through the county budget process.

(c) A presiding judge who is a retired or former district judge or a retired appellate judge and who presides over an administrative region with 30 or more district courts, statutory county courts, and retired and former judges named on the list maintained under Section 74.055 for the administrative region is entitled to an annual salary for each fiscal year as follows:

Number of Courts and Judges	Salary
30 to 49	<u>\$35,000</u> [ <del>\$25,000</del> ]
50 to 69	<u>\$40,000</u> [ <del>\$30,000</del> ]

1           70 to 89                   \$45,000 [~~\$35,000~~]

2           90 or more                 \$50,000 [~~\$40,000~~]

3           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1686 was passed by the House on April 20, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1686 was passed by the Senate on May 17, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor