

1-1 By: Oliveira (Senate Sponsor - Wentworth) H.B. No. 1686  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 21, 2005;  
1-3 April 22, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 5, 2005, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 5, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the compensation of presiding judges of administrative  
1-9 judicial regions.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Sections 74.051(b) and (c), Government Code, are  
1-12 amended to read as follows:

1-13 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), a presiding judge  
1-14 shall receive a salary not to exceed \$33,000 [~~\$23,000~~] a year. The  
1-15 Texas Judicial Council shall set the salary biennially and, in  
1-16 arriving at the amount of the salary, shall consider whether the  
1-17 presiding judge is active in administrative duties, performs part  
1-18 time, or is a retired judge. The salary set by the Texas Judicial  
1-19 Council shall be apportioned to each county in the region according  
1-20 to the population of the counties comprising the region and shall be  
1-21 paid through the county budget process.

1-22 (c) A presiding judge who is a retired or former district  
1-23 judge or a retired appellate judge and who presides over an  
1-24 administrative region with 30 or more district courts, statutory  
1-25 county courts, and retired and former judges named on the list  
1-26 maintained under Section 74.055 for the administrative region is  
1-27 entitled to an annual salary for each fiscal year as follows:

1-28	Number of Courts and Judges	Salary
1-29	30 to 49	<u>\$35,000</u> [ <del>\$25,000</del> ]
1-30	50 to 69	<u>\$40,000</u> [ <del>\$30,000</del> ]
1-31	70 to 89	<u>\$45,000</u> [ <del>\$35,000</del> ]
1-32	90 or more	<u>\$50,000</u> [ <del>\$40,000</del> ]

1-33 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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