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S.B. No. 550

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the compensation of security personnel of certain  
3 courts, including the payment of compensation for the bailiff of  
4 the 106th District Court.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subsection (k), Section 53.009, Government Code,  
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 (k) The bailiffs of the 12th, 84th, 106th, 258th, 278th, and  
9 411th district courts are entitled to receive a salary set by the  
10 judge and approved by the commissioners court of each of the  
11 counties in which the bailiff is designated to serve, except that  
12 the amount of the salary paid the bailiff of the 84th District Court  
13 must be commensurate with the salary paid the bailiffs of other  
14 courts with similar duties. The salary shall be apportioned by the  
15 judge among the counties in which the bailiff is designated to  
16 serve. The judge shall give each commissioners court in the  
17 district written notification of the amount of compensation to be  
18 paid by the county. The salary is paid out of the general fund of  
19 each county, except that the salary paid to the bailiff of the 106th  
20 District Court may be paid out of either the general fund or the  
21 courthouse security fund of each county.

22 SECTION 2. Subsection (d), Article 102.017, Code of  
23 Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

24 (d) The clerks of the respective courts shall collect the

1 costs and pay them to the county or municipal treasurer, as  
2 appropriate, or to any other official who discharges the duties  
3 commonly delegated to the county or municipal treasurer, as  
4 appropriate, for deposit in a fund to be known as the courthouse  
5 security fund or a fund to be known as the municipal court building  
6 security fund, as appropriate. A fund designated by this  
7 subsection may be used only to finance security personnel for a  
8 district, county, justice, or municipal court, as appropriate, or  
9 to finance items when used for the purpose of providing security  
10 services for buildings housing a district, county, justice, or  
11 municipal court, as appropriate, including:

- 12 (1) the purchase or repair of X-ray machines and  
13 conveying systems;
- 14 (2) handheld metal detectors;
- 15 (3) walkthrough metal detectors;
- 16 (4) identification cards and systems;
- 17 (5) electronic locking and surveillance equipment;
- 18 (6) bailiffs, deputy sheriffs, deputy constables, or  
19 contract security personnel during times when they are providing  
20 appropriate security services;
- 21 (7) signage;
- 22 (8) confiscated weapon inventory and tracking  
23 systems;
- 24 (9) locks, chains, alarms, or similar security  
25 devices;
- 26 (10) the purchase or repair of bullet-proof glass; and  
27 (11) continuing education on security issues for court

1 personnel and security personnel.

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