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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.

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

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

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

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

21 (d) The clerks of the respective courts shall collect the
22 costs and pay them to the county or municipal treasurer, as
23 appropriate, or to any other official who discharges the duties
24 commonly delegated to the county or municipal treasurer, as

1 appropriate, for deposit in a fund to be known as the courthouse
2 security fund or a fund to be known as the municipal court building
3 security fund, as appropriate. A fund designated by this
4 subsection may be used only to finance security personnel for a
5 district, county, justice, or municipal court, as appropriate, or
6 to finance items when used for the purpose of providing security
7 services for buildings housing a district, county, justice, or
8 municipal court, as appropriate, including:

9 (1) the purchase or repair of X-ray machines and
10 conveying systems;

11 (2) handheld metal detectors;

12 (3) walkthrough metal detectors;

13 (4) identification cards and systems;

14 (5) electronic locking and surveillance equipment;

15 (6) bailiffs, deputy sheriffs, deputy constables, or
16 contract security personnel during times when they are providing
17 appropriate security services;

18 (7) signage;

19 (8) confiscated weapon inventory and tracking
20 systems;

21 (9) locks, chains, alarms, or similar security
22 devices;

23 (10) the purchase or repair of bullet-proof glass;

24 and

25 (11) continuing education on security issues for court
26 personnel and security personnel.

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