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S.B. No. 821

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the use of certain excess contributions to the judicial  
3 fund that are remitted to certain counties.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 25.00213(b), Government Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (b) Money in a contributions fund created under this section  
8 may be used only for court-related purposes for the support of the  
9 statutory probate courts in the county, including for the payment  
10 of the compensation of a statutory probate court associate judge in  
11 accordance with Section 54.605.

12 SECTION 2. Section 54.605, Government Code, is amended by  
13 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as  
14 follows:

15 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the ~~[The]~~  
16 compensation of the associate judge shall be paid by the county from  
17 the county general fund. The compensation must be paid in the same  
18 manner that the appointing judge's salary is paid.

19 (c) On the recommendation of the statutory probate court  
20 judges in the county and subject to the approval of the county  
21 commissioners court, the county may pay all or part of the  
22 compensation of the associate judge from the excess contributions  
23 remitted to the county under Section 25.00212 and deposited in the  
24 contributions fund created under Section 25.00213.

1           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.