1-1 By: Wentworth   S.B. No. 821
1-2   (In the Senate - Filed February 22, 2007; March 7, 2007,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;
1-4 March 29, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,
1-5 Nays 0; March 29, 2007, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the use of certain excess contributions to the judicial
1-9 fund that are remitted to certain counties.
1-10   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-11   SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 25.00213, Government
1-12 Code, is amended to read as follows:
1-13   (b) Money in a contributions fund created under this section
1-14 may be used only for court-related purposes for the support of the
1-15 statutory probate courts in the county, including for the payment
1-16 of the compensation of a statutory probate court associate judge in
1-17 accordance with Section 54.605.
1-18   SECTION 2. Section 54.605, Government Code, is amended by
1-19 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
1-20 follows:
1-21   (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the [The]
1-22 compensation of the associate judge shall be paid by the county from
1-23 the county general fund. The compensation must be paid in the same
1-24 manner that the appointing judge's salary is paid.
1-25   (c) On the recommendation of the statutory probate court
1-26 judges in the county and subject to the approval of the county
1-27 commissioners court, the county may pay all or part of the
1-28 compensation of the associate judge from the excess contributions
1-29 remitted to the county under Section 25.00212 and deposited in the
1-30 contributions fund created under Section 25.00213.
1-31   SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-32 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-33 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-34 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-35 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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