1-1 By: Hartnett (Senate Sponsor - Carona) H.B. No. 765 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 16, 2009; April 27, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence; May 23, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 23, 2009, sent to printer.) 1**-**2 1**-**3 1-4 1-5

> A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1-8 relating to supplemental payments made to certain statutory probate 1-9 court judges. 1-10 1-11

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.0023, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

- (b) Notwithstanding any other law and in addition to the judge's annual salary, the commissioners court annually shall pay a judge of a statutory probate court who has continuously served as a judge of a statutory probate court or a statutory county court since August 31, 1995, an additional amount equal to the amount of benefit replacement pay a district judge is entitled to receive from the state under Subchapter H, Chapter 659, for equivalent continuous service [The salary shall be paid in equal monthly installments].
- (c) The commissioners court monthly shall pay a statutory probate court judge who has served as a judge of a statutory probate court or a statutory county court for at least 16 years longevity pay in an amount equal to the amount of longevity pay a district judge is entitled to receive from the state for equivalent years of service. The longevity pay is in addition to the judge's monthly salary.

1-29  $\overline{\text{SECTION}}$  2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 1-30 1-31 1-32 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 1-33 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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