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H.B. No. 4543

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a cost-of-living increase in compensation for district court judges.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter A, Chapter 32, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER A. ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION PAID BY COUNTY

~~[FOR EXTRAJUDICIAL SERVICES]~~

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 32, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 32.002 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.002. COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE. The commissioners court of a county may pay each judge of a district court having jurisdiction in the county an annual cost-of-living increase in an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the judge's combined salary from state and county sources. Notwithstanding any other law, compensation paid to a judge under this section is not included as part of the judge's combined salary from state and county sources for purposes of the salary limitations provided by Section 659.012.

SECTION 3. 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 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.