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S.B. No. 497

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to compensation paid to certain judges and justices.

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

SECTION 1. Section 659.0125(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding Section 659.012 or any other law, a district judge who presides over multidistrict litigation involving claims for asbestos-related or silica-related injuries is entitled to receive, in addition to all other compensation, expenses, and perquisites authorized by law, the maximum amount of compensation set by the Texas Judicial Council for a presiding judge under Section 74.051(b). The annual amount must be apportioned over 12 equal monthly payments and be paid to the judge by the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department, [~~Texas Judicial Council~~] for each month during which the judge retains jurisdiction over the claims.

SECTION 2. Section 659.0445, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) Notwithstanding any other law, longevity pay that is paid to a judge or justice under this section is not included as part of the judge's or justice'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 September 1, 2009.