

By: Raymond

H.B. No. 1710

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1710:

By: King of Hemphill

C.S.H.B. No. 1710

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to a cost-of-living increase in compensation for district  
3 judges.

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

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

7 SUBCHAPTER A. ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION PAID BY COUNTY

8 [~~FOR EXTRAJUDICIAL SERVICES~~]

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

11 Sec. 32.002. COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE. (a) If the state has  
12 not increased the state salary paid to a district judge during the  
13 preceding three-year period, the commissioners court of a county  
14 may pay each judge of a district court having jurisdiction in the  
15 county an annual cost-of-living increase in an amount not to exceed  
16 10 percent of the judge's combined salary from state and county  
17 sources. Notwithstanding any other law, compensation paid to a  
18 judge under this section is not included as part of the judge's  
19 combined salary from state and county sources for purposes of the  
20 salary limitations provided by Section 659.012.

21 (b) If, after a commissioners court of a county begins  
22 paying a cost-of-living increase under this section, the state  
23 increases the state salary paid to a district judge by an amount  
24 equal to or greater than the cost-of-living increase paid by the

1 county, the commissioners court of the county shall stop paying the  
2 cost-of-living increase.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2014.