

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, an annual state supplement of \$15,000 is paid to county judges who spend 40 percent or more of their time on judicial functions. In order to qualify for the supplement, a county judge is required to be located in a county that does not have a county court at law, and preside over Class A and B misdemeanor cases, probate matters, guardianship matters, and matters of mental health.

S.B. 1025 amends the Government Code to adjust this supplement to be equal to 25 percent of the annual compensation provided for a district judge.

As proposed, S.B. 1025 amends current law relating to supplemental compensation paid to certain county judges.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 26.006(a), Government Code, to provide that a county judge is entitled to an annual salary supplement from the state in an amount equal to 25 percent of the annual compensation provided for a district judge in the General Appropriations Act, rather than an annual salary supplement from the state of \$15,000, if at least 40 percent of the functions that the judge performs are judicial functions.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2015.