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H.B. No. 3382

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the compensation of associate judges appointed to  
3 hear Title IV-D cases and child protection cases.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 201.105, Family Code, is amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 Sec. 201.105. COMPENSATION OF ASSOCIATE JUDGE. (a) An  
8 associate judge appointed under this subchapter is entitled to  
9 receive from the state a salary in an amount equal to ~~[be determined~~  
10 ~~by a majority vote of the presiding judges of the administrative~~  
11 ~~judicial regions. The salary may not exceed]~~ 90 percent of the  
12 salary paid to a district judge as set by the General Appropriations  
13 Act.

14 (b) Notwithstanding any other law, longevity pay paid to an  
15 associate judge under Section 659.044, Government Code, is not  
16 included as part of the ~~[The]~~ associate judge's salary amount  
17 provided by subsection (a) ~~[shall be paid from county funds~~  
18 ~~available for payment of officers' salaries or from funds available~~  
19 ~~from the state and federal government as provided by this~~  
20 ~~subchapter]~~.

21 (c) The office of court administration in accordance with  
22 this subchapter may use federal funds obtained from the Title IV-D  
23 agency to cover the costs of an associate judge's salary.

24 Section 2. Section 201.205, Family Code, is amended to read

1 as follows:

2           Sec. 201.205. COMPENSATION OF ASSOCIATE JUDGE. (a) An  
3 associate judge appointed under this subchapter is entitled to  
4 receive from the state a salary in an amount equal to [~~as determined~~  
5 ~~by a majority vote of the presiding judges of the administrative~~  
6 ~~judicial regions. The salary may not exceed~~] 90 percent of the  
7 salary paid to a district judge as set by the state General  
8 Appropriations Act.

9           (b) Notwithstanding any other law, longevity pay that is  
10 paid to an associate judge under Section 659.044, Government Code,  
11 is not included as part of the associate judge's salary amount  
12 provided by subsection (a).

13           (c) [(b)] The associate judge's salary shall be paid from  
14 county funds available for payment of officers' salaries subject to  
15 the approval of the commissioners court or from funds available  
16 from the state and federal governments as provided by this  
17 subchapter.

18           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.