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H.B. No. 4104

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the county budget for certain court personnel.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 111, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 111.096 to read as follows:

Sec. 111.096. BUDGETED POSITIONS FOR JUDICIARY.

Notwithstanding any other law, the commissioners court in preparing the county budget for a fiscal year shall determine the number of any additional positions authorized under Section 75.401, Government Code, to be included in the budget and the maximum compensation for those positions.

SECTION 2. Sections 75.401(a), (c), (d), (e), and (f), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) In a county that has more than one district court or statutory county court, those courts may establish and maintain, if approved by [~~on approval of~~] the commissioners court, a court administrator system.

(c) If the commissioners court includes in the county budget money for the position of court administrator, the [~~The~~] court administrator is appointed by the judges of the district courts or the statutory county courts served by the court administrator. The court administrator serves at the pleasure of those judges.

(d) A court administrator is entitled to reasonable compensation, as determined by the judges served and in the salary

1 range for the position, as set by the commissioners court in the
2 annual budget.

3 (e) The judges of the courts served by the court
4 administrator, if the positions are included in the county budget
5 adopted by [~~with the approval of~~] the commissioners court, shall
6 appoint appropriate staff and support personnel according to the
7 needs of the local jurisdiction.

8 (f) If money to fund the court administrator system is
9 included in the county budget [~~On order and directive of the~~
10 ~~judges~~], the commissioners court shall fund the court administrator
11 system from fines collected by the courts served by the court
12 administrator. If the fines collected are insufficient to provide
13 the total funding for the program, the county shall provide the
14 additional funds needed.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.