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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 new 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 shall determine the number of positions in the budget for that year, if any, authorized under Chapter 75.401, Government Code, 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:

Sec. 75.401. COURT ADMINISTRATOR SYSTEM FOR DISTRICT AND STATUTORY COUNTY COURTS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES. (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) The court administrator is appointed by the judges of the district courts or the statutory county courts served by the court administrator if the position of court administrator is budgeted for by commissioners court. 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 included in the county budget by [~~with the~~  
5 ~~approval of~~] the commissioners court, shall appoint appropriate  
6 staff and support personnel according to the needs of the local  
7 jurisdiction.

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

14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.