

Amend CSSB 346 (house committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered ARTICLE to the bill and renumbering the ARTICLES and SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

ARTICLE _____. COURT REPORTER SALARIES IN CERTAIN COUNTIES

SECTION _____.01. Section 52.051(d), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(d) The official district court reporter may not receive:

(1) a salary that is more than 10 percent greater than the salary received during the preceding budget year without the approval of the commissioners court of each county in the judicial district if the court reporter serves in a county with a population of less than 1 million; ~~or~~

(2) except as provided by Subdivision (3), a percentage increase in salary in a fiscal year that is greater than the average percentage increase in compensation in that fiscal year to all other employees of the county in which the reporter serves if the court reporter serves in a county with a population of 1 million or more; or

(3) a percentage increase in salary in a fiscal year that is greater than the average percentage increase in compensation in that fiscal year to all other employees of the county in which the reporter serves if the court reporter serves in a county with a population of 3.5 million or more, unless approved by the commissioners court.