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H.B. No. 1222

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the annual salaries of the chief justice or the  
3 presiding judge of an appellate court.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 659.012(a), Government Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) Notwithstanding Section 659.011:

8 (1) a judge of a district court is entitled to an  
9 annual salary from the state of at least \$125,000, except that the  
10 combined salary of a district judge from state and county sources,  
11 including compensation for any extrajudicial services performed on  
12 behalf of the county, may not exceed the amount that is \$5,000 less  
13 than the salary provided for a justice of a court of appeals other  
14 than a chief justice;

15 (2) a justice of a court of appeals other than the  
16 chief justice is entitled to an annual salary from the state that is  
17 equal to 110 percent of the salary of a district judge, except that  
18 the combined salary of a justice of the court of appeals other than  
19 the chief justice from all state and county sources, including  
20 compensation for any extrajudicial services performed on behalf of  
21 the county, may not exceed the amount that is \$5,000 less than the  
22 salary provided for a justice of the supreme court;

23 (3) a justice of the supreme court other than the chief  
24 justice or a judge of the court of criminal appeals other than the

1 presiding judge is entitled to an annual salary from the state that  
2 is equal to 120 percent of the salary of a district judge; ~~and~~

3 (4) the chief justice ~~[or presiding judge]~~ of a court  
4 of appeals ~~[an appellate court]~~ is entitled to an annual salary from  
5 the state that is \$5,000 ~~[\$2,500]~~ more than the salary provided for  
6 the other justices or judges of the court, except that the combined  
7 salary of the chief justice of a court of appeals may not exceed the  
8 ~~[amount that is \$2,500 less than the]~~ salary provided for a justice  
9 of the supreme court; and

10 (5) the chief justice of the supreme court or the  
11 presiding judge of the court of criminal appeals is entitled to an  
12 annual salary from the state that is \$10,000 more than the salary  
13 provided for the other justices or judges of the court.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.