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S.B. No. 2499

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the annual salary paid to judges of county courts at law in Travis County.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25.2292, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (f) and adding Subsection (f-1) to read as follows:

(f) The judge of a county court at law shall be paid an annual salary in an amount ~~[that is at least]~~ equal to an amount that is ~~[the salary paid district judges from the general revenue fund of the state, but not more than]~~ \$1,000 less than the annual salary, including supplements, received by district judges in the county. For purposes of determining the annual salary of a judge of a county court at law under this section, the total annual salary received by a district judge in the county does not include longevity pay provided under Section 659.0445 or compensation paid to the presiding criminal judge of Travis County under Section 75.016.

(f-1) The judge of a county court at law who receives a salary under this section is entitled to longevity pay from the county if the judge has completed four years of service as an active judge, as defined by Section 74.041, in Travis County for which credit is established in the Texas County and District Retirement System. Longevity pay paid under this subsection is not included as

1 part of the judge's annual salary for purposes of the salary
2 limitations provided by Subsection (f). The amount of longevity
3 pay paid to a judge under this subsection must be equal to the
4 greater of:

5 (1) the amount of longevity pay paid to a judge of a
6 district court in the county who has comparable years of service; or

7 (2) the amount of longevity pay paid to an employee of
8 the county who has comparable years of service.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.