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By:  Vasut H.B. No. 1985

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the service credit used in calculating longevity pay for certain judges and justices with prior full-time service as an associate judge.

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

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

(b)  A judge or justice for whom the amount of a state base salary is prescribed by Subsection (a) is entitled to an annual salary from the state in the amount equal to:

(1)  110 percent of the state base salary paid in accordance with Subsection (a) for the judge's or justice's position, beginning with the pay period that begins after the judge or justice accrues four years of:

(A)  contributing service credit in the Judicial Retirement System of Texas Plan One or the Judicial Retirement System of Texas Plan Two;

(B)  service as a judge or a full-time associate judge of a district court, statutory county court, multicounty statutory county court, or statutory probate court; or

(C)  combined contributing service credit and service as provided by Paragraphs (A) and (B); and

(2)  120 percent of the state base salary paid in accordance with Subsection (a) for the judge's or justice's position, beginning with the pay period that begins after the judge or justice accrues eight years of:

(A)  contributing service credit in the Judicial Retirement System of Texas Plan One or the Judicial Retirement System of Texas Plan Two;

(B)  service as a judge or a full-time associate judge of a district court, statutory county court, multicounty statutory county court, or statutory probate court; or

(C)  combined contributing service credit and service as provided by Paragraphs (A) and (B).

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.