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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

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

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

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

11 (1) 110 percent of the state base salary paid in  
12 accordance with Subsection (a) for the judge's or justice's  
13 position, beginning with the pay period that begins after the judge  
14 or justice accrues four years of:

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

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

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

23 (2) 120 percent of the state base salary paid in  
24 accordance with Subsection (a) for the judge's or justice's

1 position, beginning with the pay period that begins after the judge  
2 or justice accrues eight years of:

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

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

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

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