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S.B. No. 802

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the annual base salary of a district judge.

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

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

6 (a) Notwithstanding Section 659.011 and subject to
7 Subsections (b) and (b-1):

8 (1) a judge of a district court is entitled to an
9 annual base salary from the state as set by the General
10 Appropriations Act in an amount equal to at least \$172,494
11 [~~\$140,000~~], except that the combined base salary of a district
12 judge from all state and county sources, including compensation for
13 any extrajudicial services performed on behalf of the county, may
14 not exceed the amount that is \$5,000 less than the maximum combined
15 base salary from all state and county sources for a justice of a
16 court of appeals other than a chief justice as determined under this
17 subsection;

18 (2) a justice of a court of appeals other than the
19 chief justice is entitled to an annual base salary from the state in
20 the amount equal to 110 percent of the state base salary of a
21 district judge as set by the General Appropriations Act, except
22 that the combined base salary of a justice of the court of appeals
23 other than the chief justice from all state and county sources,
24 including compensation for any extrajudicial services performed on

1 behalf of the county, may not exceed the amount that is \$5,000 less
2 than the base salary for a justice of the supreme court as
3 determined under this subsection;

4 (3) a justice of the supreme court other than the chief
5 justice or a judge of the court of criminal appeals other than the
6 presiding judge is entitled to an annual base salary from the state
7 in the amount equal to 120 percent of the state base salary of a
8 district judge as set by the General Appropriations Act; and

9 (4) the chief justice or presiding judge of an
10 appellate court is entitled to an annual base salary from the state
11 in the amount equal to \$2,500 more than the state base salary
12 provided for the other justices or judges of the court, except that
13 the combined base salary of the chief justice of a court of appeals
14 from all state and county sources may not exceed the amount equal to
15 \$2,500 less than the base salary for a justice of the supreme court
16 as determined under this subsection.

17 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding Section [659.012\(a\)](#), Government
18 Code, as amended by this Act, a judge of a district court is
19 entitled to an annual base salary from the state as set by the
20 General Appropriations Act in an amount equal to at least \$155,400
21 for the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2023, and ending
22 August 31, 2024, and that amount is the annual base salary to be
23 used for purpose of calculating any other judicial salaries by
24 reference to that section for the state fiscal year beginning
25 September 1, 2023, and ending August 31, 2024.

26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.