

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Jeff Leach, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2734** by Murr (Relating to the service credit used in calculating longevity pay for certain judges and prosecutors.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB2734, As Introduced : a negative impact of (\$706,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2025.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2024	(\$353,000)
2025	(\$353,000)
2026	(\$353,000)
2027	(\$353,000)
2028	(\$353,000)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund</i>
2024	(\$353,000)
2025	(\$353,000)
2026	(\$353,000)
2027	(\$353,000)
2028	(\$353,000)

**Fiscal Analysis**

This bill would amend the Government Code to modify the determination of service credit of certain judges and prosecutors for compensation purposes. For service credit of a statutory probate court judge or statutory county court judge, the bill would include years of service as a district attorney, criminal district attorney, or county attorney.

The bill would direct the state to compensate the administrative county of a multicounty statutory county court an amount equal to the state salary of a district judge with comparable years of service. The bill would include years of service as an appellate court, district court, statutory county court, statutory probate court justice or

judge, a district attorney, criminal district attorney, or county attorney in the service determination of a multicounty statutory county court judge.

The bill would provide that years of service as a district attorney or criminal district attorney include any years of service as a district attorney, criminal district attorney, county attorney, an appellate court justice, district judge, statutory county court judge, multicounty statutory county court judge or statutory probate court justice or judge.

### **Methodology**

The Office of Court Administration does not have information regarding which current judges or prosecutors have accrued the service the bill would require to be considered when calculating salaries. However, the Comptroller - Judiciary Section estimates that salary costs for judges and prosecutors would increase by \$353,000 each fiscal year under the provisions of the bill.

### **Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 327 Employees Retirement System

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