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S.B. No. 1015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to excess contributions and fees allocated to statutory
3 probate courts.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 25.00212, Government Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
7 follows:

8 (a) At the end of each state fiscal year, the comptroller
9 shall determine:

10 (1) the amounts deposited in the judicial fund under
11 Section 133.151(c)(1), Local Government Code, from fees remitted by
12 statutory probate courts under Section 133.151(a)(1), Local
13 Government Code; and

14 (2) the sum of the amount paid under Section
15 25.0022(e) and the total amounts paid to the counties under Section
16 25.00211.

17 (a-1) If the comptroller determines the total amount
18 deposited in the judicial fund by statutory probate courts in all
19 counties as calculated under Subsection (a)(1) exceeds the sum
20 calculated under Subsection (a)(2) [~~that sum~~], the comptroller
21 [state] shall remit the excess proportionately to each county that
22 contributed [~~deposited~~] a greater amount to [~~in~~] the judicial fund
23 from fees collected by a statutory probate court than the amount the
24 county was paid under Section 25.00211, as adjusted in an equitable

1 manner to reflect the differences in the total amounts paid to the
2 counties under Section 25.00211.

3 SECTION 2. Section 25.0022(f), Government Code, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 (f) Each county pays annually to the presiding judge, from
6 fees allocated to the judicial education and support fund under
7 ~~[collected pursuant to]~~ Section 135.102 ~~[118.052(2)(A)(vi)]~~, Local
8 Government Code, the amount of the salary apportioned ~~[to it]~~ as
9 provided by this section and the other expenses authorized by this
10 section. The presiding judge shall place each county's payment of
11 salary and other expenses in an administrative fund, from which the
12 salary and other expenses are paid. The salary shall be paid in
13 equal monthly installments.

14 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act to Section
15 25.00212, Government Code, apply only to amounts deposited in the
16 judicial fund under Section 133.151(c)(1), Local Government Code,
17 from fees collected by a statutory probate court on or after the
18 effective date of this Act. Amounts deposited in the judicial fund
19 under Section 133.151(c)(1), Local Government Code, from fees
20 collected by a statutory probate court before the effective date of
21 this Act are governed by the law in effect when the fees were
22 collected, and the former law is continued in effect for that
23 purpose.

24 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.