

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 1015
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 30, 2025; February 24, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Jurisprudence;
1-4 April 30, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 30, 2025,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			

1-14 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1015 By: Hughes

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to excess contributions and fees allocated to statutory
1-18 probate courts.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 25.00212, Government Code, is amended by
1-21 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
1-22 follows:

1-23 (a) At the end of each state fiscal year, the comptroller
1-24 shall determine:

1-25 (1) the amounts deposited in the judicial fund under
1-26 Section 133.151(c)(1), Local Government Code, from ~~[by]~~ statutory
1-27 probate courts fees remitted under Section 133.151(a)(1), Local
1-28 Government Code, either:

1-29 (A) directly to the treasury by the Office of
1-30 Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System for fees paid
1-31 using the electronic filing system established under Section
1-32 72.031; or

1-33 (B) to the comptroller in the manner provided by
1-34 Subchapter B, Chapter 133, Local Government Code, for fees paid to
1-35 an officer of a court; and

1-36 (2) the sum of the amount paid under Section
1-37 25.0022(e) and the total amounts paid to the counties under Section
1-38 25.00211.

1-39 (a-1) If the comptroller determines the total amount
1-40 deposited in the judicial fund by statutory probate courts in all
1-41 counties as calculated under Subsection (a)(1) exceeds the sum
1-42 calculated under Subsection (a)(2) ~~[that sum]~~, the comptroller
1-43 ~~[state]~~ shall remit the excess proportionately to each county that
1-44 contributed ~~[deposited]~~ a greater amount to ~~[in]~~ the judicial fund
1-45 from fees collected by a statutory probate court than the amount the
1-46 county was paid under Section 25.00211, as adjusted in an equitable
1-47 manner to reflect the differences in the total amounts paid to the
1-48 counties under Section 25.00211.

1-49 SECTION 2. Section 25.0022(f), Government Code, is amended
1-50 to read as follows:

1-51 (f) Each county pays annually to the presiding judge, from
1-52 fees allocated to the judicial education and support fund under
1-53 ~~[collected pursuant to]~~ Section 135.102 ~~[118.052(2)(A)(vi)]~~, Local
1-54 Government Code, the amount of the salary apportioned ~~[to it]~~ as
1-55 provided by this section and the other expenses authorized by this
1-56 section. The presiding judge shall place each county's payment of
1-57 salary and other expenses in an administrative fund, from which the
1-58 salary and other expenses are paid. The salary shall be paid in
1-59 equal monthly installments.

1-60 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act to Section

2-1 25.00212, Government Code, apply to amounts deposited in the
2-2 judicial fund under Section 133.151(c)(1), Local Government Code,
2-3 from fees collected by a statutory probate court before, on, or
2-4 after the effective date of this Act.

2-5 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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