

## CHAPTER 322

## H.B. No. 477

An Act relating to supplemental compensation and expenses for the presiding judge of the statutory probate courts.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 781, Acts of the 68th Legislature, Regular Session, 1983 (Article 1969b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Section 3A to read as follows:

*Sec. 3A. COMPENSATION OF PRESIDING JUDGE; EXPENSES. (a) In addition to all other compensation, expenses, and perquisites authorized by law, the presiding judge is entitled to receive compensation of \$5,000 a year as provided by this section for performing the duties of a presiding judge.*

*(b) The presiding judge is also entitled to receive reasonable expenses incurred to administer this Act.*

*(c) The salary and expenses shall be paid by the counties that have statutory probate courts apportioned according to the number of statutory probate courts in the county.*

*(d) Each county shall pay annually to the presiding judge, from fees collected pursuant to Section 1A of Article 3930(b), Revised Statutes, the amount of the salary apportioned to it as provided by this section and the other expenses authorized by this Act.*

*(e) The presiding judge shall place each county's payment of salary and other expenses in an administrative fund, from which the salary and other expenses shall be paid. The salary shall be paid from the administrative fund in 12 equal monthly payments.*

**SECTION 2.** The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 16, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 26, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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