

CHAPTER 874

H.B. No. 478

An Act relating to employment and compensation of court coordinators, administrative assistants, and auditors for statutory probate courts in certain counties.

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

SECTION 1. Title 41, Revised Statutes, is amended by adding Article 1970a-2 to read as follows:

Art. 1970a-2. COURT COORDINATORS, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS, AND AUDITORS FOR STATUTORY PROBATE COURTS

Sec. 1. A judge of a statutory probate court in a county with a population of 500,000 or more according to the most recent federal census may hire, with the approval of the commissioners court through the county budget process, a court coordinator, an administrative assistant, and an auditor for the court.

Sec. 2. (a) The salary of court personnel employed under this article shall be set by the commissioners court of the county.

(b) The county shall pay the salary in the same manner that other county employees are paid.

(c) Court personnel employed under this article are entitled to the same employment benefits in addition to salary as other county employees.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1985.

SECTION 3. 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.

Passed by the House on May 6, 1985, by a non-record vote; House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 478 on May 25, 1985, by a non-record vote.; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 23, 1985, by a viva-voce vote.

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