

CHAPTER 698

H.B. No. 712

An Act relating to the compensation of presiding judges of certain administrative judicial districts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11(a), Chapter 156, Acts of the 40th Legislature, Regular Session, 1927 (Article 200a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(a) In addition to and cumulative of all other compensation, expenses, and perquisites authorized by law and this Act, Presiding Judges of Administrative Judicial Districts shall receive *at least*[not to exceed] \$5,000 *but not more than \$7,500 a year* [per annum] as compensation for performing duties as the Presiding Judge of an Administrative Judicial District. In each Administrative Judicial District the salary of the administrative judge shall be set biennially by the Texas [Civil] Judicial Council, heretofore created, as provided for in Chapter 19, Acts of the 41st Legislature, 1st Called Session, 1929, as amended (Article 2328a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes). Whether an administrative judge is active in administrative duties, performs part-time, or is retired from the bench shall be considered in arriving at the salary. Each county comprising the Administrative Judicial District shall upon certification pay out of the officers salary fund or the general fund of the county the amount of salary fairly apportioned to it. The aforesaid salary, or compensation, and all other expenses incidental thereto, shall be paid annually by the said counties in each Administrative Judicial District to the Presiding Judge of each Administrative Judicial District, and by said Judge placed in an Administrative Fund, from which said salary, and other expenses incidental thereto, shall be paid. Said salary shall be paid in twelve equal monthly payments. Said salary shall be apportioned according to the population of each judicial district comprising the Administrative Judicial District and after so apportioned the amount apportioned to each judicial district shall be apportioned to each county comprising the judicial district according to the population of the county.

SECTION 2. Section 11(b), Chapter 156, Acts of the 40th Legislature, Regular Session, 1927 (Article 200a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

(b) In addition to and cumulative of all other compensation, expenses, and perquisites authorized by law and this Act, the Presiding Judge of any Administrative Judicial District in Texas which has not less than *thirty-five* [forty] nor more than fifty-nine district courts therein, when such Presiding Judge is a retired district judge or appellate judge, as provided in Section 2 of this Act, shall receive not less than \$5,000.00 nor more than \$15,000.00 per annum as compensation for performing duties as the Presiding Judge of such Administrative Judicial District. In addition to and cumulative of all other compensation, expenses, and perquisites authorized by law and this Act, the Presiding Judge of any Administrative Judicial District in Texas which has not less than sixty nor more than seventy-nine district courts therein, when such Presiding Judge is a retired district judge or appellate judge, as provided in Section 2 of this Act, shall receive not less than \$5,000.00 nor more than \$25,000.00 per annum as compensation for performing duties as the Presiding Judge of such Administrative Judicial District. Biennially the Council of Judges of such Administrative Judicial District shall fix the amount of such compensation by a majority vote of the judges. Each county comprising such Administrative Judicial District shall pay out of the officers salary fund or the general fund of the county the amount of salary apportioned to it as herein provided. The aforesaid salary, or compensation, and all other expenses incidental thereto, shall be paid annually by the said counties in such Administrative Judicial District to the Presiding Judge of such Administrative Judicial District, and by said judge placed in an Administrative Fund, from which fund said salary, and other expenses incidental thereto, shall be paid. Said salary shall be paid in twelve equal monthly payments. Said salary shall be apportioned according to the assessed property valuation of each judicial district comprising such Administrative Judicial District and after so apportioned the amount apportioned shall be apportioned to each county comprising the judicial district according to the assessed property valuation of the county.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 1985.

SECTION 4. 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 17, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 26, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved: June 14, 1985

Effective: September 1, 1985