

## CHAPTER 670

S.B. No. 1309

An Act relating to the compensation of certain judges in Tarrant County; amending Section 1, Chapter 730, Acts of the 65th Legislature, Regular Session, 1977 (Article 1970-45a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 1, Chapter 730, Acts of the 65th Legislature, Regular Session, 1977 (Article 1970-45a, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

"*Section 1. The* ~~[Effective January 1, 1978; the]~~ judges of the county criminal courts of Tarrant County ~~;~~ ~~the probate court of Tarrant County;~~ and the county courts at law of Tarrant County *shall be paid an annual salary* ~~[may be paid annually a sum that is at least equal to that sum which is \$8,000 less than the total annual salary as of January 1, 1978; including supplements; of any district judge in Tarrant County. Effective January 1, 1979; they may be paid annually a sum that is at least equal to that sum which is \$5,500 less than the total annual salary as of January 1, 1979; including supplements; of any district judge in Tarrant County. Effective January 1, 1980; they may be paid annually a sum that is at least equal to that sum which is \$3,000 less than the total annual salary as of January 1, 1980; including supplements; of any district judge in Tarrant County. Effective January 1, 1981; they may be paid annually a sum]~~ that is ~~[at least]~~ equal to that sum which is \$1,000 less than the total annual salary, including supplements, of any district judge in Tarrant County. If the annual salary of any district judge in Tarrant County is increased within any calendar year, the salary of the judge of each county court of Tarrant County included in this Act *shall* ~~[may]~~ be increased in an equal amount so that the variance between the salaries of the judges of the county courts and the judges of the district courts does not exceed the amounts specified in this Act."

**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 the Senate on May 6, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 24, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 1, two present not voting.

Approved: June 14, 1985

Effective: Immediately