

CHAPTER 654

H.B. No. 2826

AN ACT

relating to a court administrator in Fort Bend County.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 75, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter H to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER H. COURT ADMINISTRATOR IN FORT BEND COUNTY

Sec. 75.521. APPLICATION. This subchapter applies to the district courts and county courts at law in Fort Bend County.

Sec. 75.522. ESTABLISHMENT OF SYSTEM. The courts may establish a court administrator system to improve the administration of justice and to expedite the processing of civil and criminal cases.

Sec. 75.523. APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES OF COURT ADMINISTRATOR. (a) The court administrator is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the judges of the courts subject to this subchapter.

(b) The courts shall designate by rule the duties of the court administrator.

(c) To promote uniform and efficient administration of justice, the court administrator shall cooperate with administrative judges and state agencies with duties relating to the operation of the courts.

Sec. 75.524. COMPENSATION AND FACILITIES. A court administrator is entitled to reasonable compensation, facilities, and equipment as determined by the judges of the courts served, with the approval of the commissioners court. The commissioners court shall fund the court administrator system from general funds of the county.

Sec. 75.525. STAFF. The judges of the courts served by the court administrator may appoint the necessary staff and support personnel for the court administrator.

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 7, 1993: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 12, 1993.

Effective June 12, 1993.