CHAPTER 517

H.B. No. 637

AN ACT

relating to the compensation of certain district court reporters.

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

SECTION 1. Section 52.052, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 52.052. COMPENSATION IN THE 222ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT [CERTAIN ENUMERATED DISTRICTS]. [(a)] Notwithstanding Section 52.051, the [regular annual salary of the official court reporters for the 10th, 23rd, 56th, 122nd, 149th, and 222nd judicial districts shall be set in the amount and paid in the manner prescribed by this section.

- [(b) The district judges of the 10th, 56th, and 122nd judicial districts shall set the annual salary of the official court reporter in the district in an amount not less than the amount the reporter received on September 1, 1971, nor more than \$14,400. The salaries shall be paid from the county general fund, jury fund, or any other fund available for that purpose, as determined by the commissioners court.
- [(c) The salary of the official court reporter for the 23rd Judicial District may be set by the district judge and approved by the commissioners courts of the counties in the district at an amount not to exceed \$16,500. This salary is in addition to travel expenses, transcript fees, and any other form of authorized compensation. The salary shall be paid monthly by the counties in the district in a proportionate amount set by the district judge. The salary shall be paid from the county general fund, jury fund, or any other fund available for that purpose.
- [(d) The salary of the official court reporter for the 149th Judicial District shall be set by the district judge and approved by the Commissioners Court of Brazoria County at an 2128

amount not to exceed \$16,500. This salary is in addition to travel expenses, transcript fees, and any other form of authorized compensation. The salary shall be paid monthly from the county general fund, jury fund, or any other fund available for that purpose.

[(e) The] district judge of the 222nd Judicial District shall set the salary of the official court reporter at not less than \$15,000.

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 April 2, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 28, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 1987.

Effective Aug. 31, 1987, 90 days after date of adjournment.