

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, there is a funding mechanism for county courts that sets out certain salary standards for counties receiving funds from that mechanism. There are provisions regarding judges who make less than \$21,000 less than a district judge in the same county. The way these provisions were drafted does not allow the commissioners courts of those counties to give judges a raise without losing the county's funding under the funding mechanism. This bill will allow the commissioners court of counties whose judges make more than \$21,000 less than a district judge in the same county as of May 1, 1991 to increase the salary of those judges without losing funding.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 1040 allows the commissioners court of counties whose judges make more than \$21,000 less than a district judge in the same county as of May 1, 1991 to increase the salary of those judges without losing funding.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 25.0005(e), Government Code, to provide that a county is not required to meet the salary requirements of Subsection (a) for a particular court if, among other requirements, the county pays at least the salary required by Subdivision (1).

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.