

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Local administrative district judges serve as the spokespersons for their colleagues. From sitting on juvenile boards to active involvement with the commissioners court, administrative judges adjust their schedules to perform their jobs, tend to their dockets, and still find time to serve as representatives for other district judges. Concern has been raised that administrative judges deserve additional compensation for their efforts. H.B. 2697 provides that administrative district judges who serve in counties with more than five district courts are entitled to an annual salary from the state that is \$5,000 more than the salary to which the judge is otherwise entitled.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 2697 establishes provisions regarding the salary of a district judge who serves as a local administrative district judge.

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 659.012, Government Code, to provide that in a county with more than five district courts, a district judge who serves as a local administrative district judge under Section 74.091 is entitled to an annual salary from the state that is \$5,000 more than the salary from the state to which the judge is otherwise entitled under Subsection (c). Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.