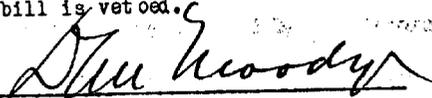


April 4, 1927

I hereby veto Senate Bill Number 290, being " An Act to amend Article 3935 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1925 relating to and providing for the fees and compensation of Justice's of the Peace in Civil Cases in Justice precincts having less than fifteen thousand population, according to the last U. S. census of 1920, and declaring an emergency."

This bill attempts to increase the fees of justices of the peace in justice precincts having less than fifteen thousand population. The justice court has civil jurisdiction over litigation where the amount involved is not in excess of two hundred dollars. Under existing law litigants sometimes forego the prosecution of their cases in the justice courts where the amount of the claim is small because of the expense of such litigation. The present fee bill allows adequate compensation to justices of the peace, and persons who have claims over which the justice court has jurisdiction should not be practically forced to abandon their claims rather than file suit upon them because of the cost of prosecuting such suits in the courts of justice of the peace.

For the reasons stated this bill is vetoed.



Governor of the State of Texas.