

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Chapter 32 of the Government Code provides for authorization to pay a salary supplement to district judges on a county-by-county basis. Collin County is not specifically included in Chapter 32, Government Code. This bill would authorize the Commissioners Court of Collin County to disperse salary supplements to district judges as other counties currently do.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1974 authorizes the Commissioners Court of Collin County to disperse a salary supplement to a 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 Chapter 32A, Government Code, by adding Section 32.042, as follows:

Sec. 32.043. COLLIN COUNTY. Authorizes the Commissioners Court of Collin County (commissioners court) to budget for and pay the judges of the district courts having jurisdiction in the county an annual salary set by the commissioners court for services rendered and for performing administrative services. Requires the salary to be paid in equal biweekly or monthly installments from the county general fund or other available fund. Provides that the salary is in addition to the salary paid by the state and other authorized compensation. Prohibits the combined yearly salary from state and county sources received by each judge from exceeding an amount equal to \$1,000 less than the highest combined yearly salary from state and county sources received by a justice of the court of appeals in the court of appeals district in which the judicial district is located.

SECTION 2. Provides that all prior acts by the commissioners court in budgeting for and paying the judges of the district courts having jurisdiction in the county a reasonable salary for services rendered and for performing administrative services are validated as of the dates on which those acts occurred. Provides that this section does not apply to a prior act that on the effective date of this Act is involved in litigation, if the litigation ultimately results in the prior act being held invalid by a final judgment of a court; or has been held invalid by a final judgment of a court.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.
Effective date: upon passage.