

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, district court judges' salaries are paid by a combination of state and county funds, but statutes cap the amount that the state and county may pay said judges. As proposed, S.B. 1781 removes salary caps to allow Walker and Madison county to pay supplemental salaries to their district judges for judicial and administrative services but does not effect state and county caps, which the counties continue to control.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 32.157(a), Government Code, to authorize the commissioners court of Madison County to pay the judges of the district courts having jurisdiction in the county an annual supplemental salary for judicial and administrative services. Deletes text stating that the salary paid by the county may not exceed \$1,200.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 32.236(a), Government Code, to authorize the commissioners court of Walker County to pay the judges of the district courts having jurisdiction in the county an annual supplemental salary for judicial and administrative services. Deletes text stating that the salary paid by the county may not exceed \$1,200.

SECTION 3. Repealer: Sections 32.157(d) (Madison County), Government Code and 32.236(d) (Walker County), Government Code.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2003.