

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 1925  
By: Gutierrez et al. (Wentworth)  
Jurisprudence  
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Engrossed

### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

When the position of district court administrator was created in 1975, legislation mandated that the salary could not be greater than 70 percent of a district court judge's salary. In 1977, the legislature created the position of county court administrator and implemented an identical model used in establishing district court administrators, including the 70 percent salary cap. In subsequent years, the legislature passed the Court Administration Act and other legislation which removed the salary cap for district court administrators and all county court administrators, excluding three counties. Harris, Jefferson, and Fort Bend Counties left the salary cap in place, but authorized the county commissioners court to exceed the cap.

H.B. 1925 entitles a court administrator to reasonable compensation as set by the commissioners court, rather than by the commissioners court in an amount not to exceed 70 percent of the salary paid by the county to the judges.

### **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 75.401(d), Government Code, to entitle a court administrator to reasonable compensation as set by the commissioners court, rather than as set by the commissioners court in an amount not to exceed 70 percent of the salary paid by the county to the judges.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2009.