



OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Justice Nathan Hecht
Presiding Judge Sharon Keller
Members, Texas Judicial Council

FROM: David Slayton, Executive Director, Texas Judicial Council

RE: Consideration of Regional Presiding Judges Salary Pursuant to Sec. 74.051(b), Texas Government Code

DATE: June 24, 2019

The Texas Judicial Council is required to biennially set the salary of the regional presiding judges who also serve as active district judges. House Bill 2384 enacted by the 86th Legislature amends the maximum salary that can be set by the Council under Section 74.051(b), Texas Government Code. Effective September 1, 2019, the maximum salary will be \$42,000.

The following is a copy of the pertinent part of Section 14 of House Bill 2384 that amends Sec. 74.051(b) of the Government Code:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), a presiding judge shall receive a salary in an amount not to exceed 30 percent of the state base salary paid to a district judge as set by the General Appropriations Act in accordance with Section 659.012(a) [~~\$33,000 a year~~]. The Texas Judicial Council shall set the salary biennially and, in arriving at the amount of the salary, shall consider whether the presiding judge is active in administrative duties, performs part time, or is a retired judge. The salary set by the Texas Judicial Council shall be apportioned to each county in the region according to the population of the counties in [comprising] the region and shall be paid through the county budget process.