

STATE OF TEXAS

RESOLUTION

of the

TEXAS JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Judicial Compensation Commission Recommendations

WHEREAS, the Texas Judicial Council is the policymaking body for the Texas Judicial Branch, created under Chapter 71, Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Compensation Commission was created by the 80th Legislature to recommend the proper salaries to be paid by the state for all justices and judges of the Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Courts of Appeals and the District Courts; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Compensation Commission has studied judicial compensation in Texas and found a need for an increase in compensation; and

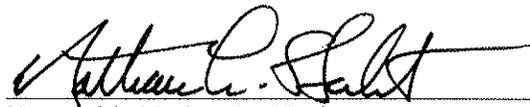
WHEREAS, while the 83rd Legislature provided an increase in judicial compensation, the Legislature did not fully fund the Commission-recommended increase and indicated a review would occur during the 84th Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the salary of Texas judges ranks 18th in the nation when compared with the salary of other judges; and

WHEREAS, absent an increase in judicial compensation, the salary of Texas' judges will again be below compensation levels from 1991 when one factors in the consumer price index increase; and

WHEREAS, the proper compensation of Texas' judges is essential to attract qualified candidates and retain experienced judges who effectively administer justice;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Texas Judicial Council urges the Legislature to provide funding to increase state judicial compensation to the levels recommended by the Commission.



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