

1-1 By: Coleman (Senate Sponsor - Garcia) H.B. No. 4104
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2017;
 1-3 May 12, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 22, 2017, reported favorably by
 1-5 the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 22, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7	X			
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the county budget for certain court personnel.
 1-18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-19 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 111, Local Government
 1-20 Code, is amended by adding Section 111.096 to read as follows:
 1-21 Sec. 111.096. BUDGETED POSITIONS FOR JUDICIARY.
 1-22 Notwithstanding any other law, the commissioners court in preparing
 1-23 the county budget for a fiscal year shall determine the number of
 1-24 any additional positions authorized under Section 75.401,
 1-25 Government Code, to be included in the budget and the maximum
 1-26 compensation for those positions.
 1-27 SECTION 2. Sections 75.401(a), (c), (d), (e), and (f),
 1-28 Government Code, are amended to read as follows:
 1-29 (a) In a county that has more than one district court or
 1-30 statutory county court, those courts may establish and maintain, if
 1-31 approved by [on approval of] the commissioners court, a court
 1-32 administrator system.
 1-33 (c) If the commissioners court includes in the county budget
 1-34 money for the position of court administrator, the [The] court
 1-35 administrator is appointed by the judges of the district courts or
 1-36 the statutory county courts served by the court administrator. The
 1-37 court administrator serves at the pleasure of those judges.
 1-38 (d) A court administrator is entitled to reasonable
 1-39 compensation, as determined by the judges served and in the salary
 1-40 range for the position, as set by the commissioners court in the
 1-41 annual budget.
 1-42 (e) The judges of the courts served by the court
 1-43 administrator, if the positions are included in the county budget
 1-44 adopted by [with the approval of] the commissioners court, shall
 1-45 appoint appropriate staff and support personnel according to the
 1-46 needs of the local jurisdiction.
 1-47 (f) If money to fund the court administrator system is
 1-48 included in the county budget [On order and directive of the
 1-49 judges], the commissioners court shall fund the court administrator
 1-50 system from fines collected by the courts served by the court
 1-51 administrator. If the fines collected are insufficient to provide
 1-52 the total funding for the program, the county shall provide the
 1-53 additional funds needed.
 1-54 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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