Section 3

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1. Schedule of Exempt Positions. Recommendations continue to exempt the appellate court justices and judges; the State Prosecuting Attorney; District Judges and Attorneys included in the Schedule of Exempt Positions in the bill pattern of the Judiciary Section, Comptroller's Department; and the 77 Associate Judge positions in the Schedule of Exempt positions for the Child Support Courts and the Child Protection Courts in the bill pattern of the Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council due to the enactment of House Bill 2384, Eighty-sixth Legislature, 2019. Recommendations also consolidate Section 9, Judge and Prosecutor Exemptions, and Section 10, Reporting on Position Tenure, into subsections (b) and (c) of Section 7, Schedule of Exempt Positions, and include new subsection (d) Informational Listing - Judicial Compensation, to provide additional information related to changes in the calculation of the salaries of certain judicial and prosecutor positions due to the enactment of House Bill 2384.

Enactment of House Bill 2384, adjusted the compensation structure for certain judges and prosecutors by creating tiers of compensation based on years of service. State salary and salary supplements for these positions remain linked to a district judge's base salary of \$140,000 as set in the General Appropriations Act.

Judges and prosecutors with four to eight years of service receive compensation at 110% of a district judge's base salary, or \$154,000, and 120% of a district judge's base salary, or \$168,000, for eight or more years of service.

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Modification of Existing Riders

- 7. **Schedule of Exempt Positions**. Recommendations revise this section to include Section 9, Judge and Prosecutor Exemptions, and Section 10, Reporting on Position Tenure, in addition to adding new subsection (d) Informational Listing Judicial Compensation.
- 9. Judge and Prosecutor Exemptions. Recommendations combine this section with Section 7, Schedule of Exempt Positions.
- 10. **Reporting on Position Tenure.** Recommendations combine this section with Section 7, Schedule of Exempt Positions.