



GLENN HEGAR TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

July 15, 2015

Dear State Prosecutor:

As you may be aware House Bill 9 of the 84th Legislature was enrolled and become effective on September 1, 2015. This bill raises the Employee's Retirement Contribution by 2.6% for the next biennium. The Legislature added Section 18.12 in Article IX of the General Appropriations Act. This section appropriates supplemental funds, to be paid through the counties, for the District Attorneys to offset the additional Employee's Retirement Contribution deduction.

The Comptroller's Judiciary Section will be remitting to the counties the additional funding necessary for the counties to pay a monthly salary supplement to the District Attorneys. State funding will also be provided to reimburse the counties for the additional fringe benefit cost of administering the payment.

Attached is an informational form and questionnaire to be returned to the Judiciary Section by July 31, 2015.

Please return the attached form in the enclosed envelope to:

The Comptroller's Judiciary Section
P. O. Box 13528
Austin, Texas 78711

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alicia Ryno of the Comptroller's Judiciary Section by e-mail at alicia.ryno@cpa.texas.gov or by phone at (800) 531-5441, ext. 3-4355.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Leonard Higgins".

Leonard Higgins
Comptroller's Judiciary Section

County Instructions to Implement Monthly Salary Payment to State Prosecutors Offsetting the Increase in the State Retirement Contribution

The Judiciary Section has been appropriated General Revenue for the 2016-17 biennium to compensate counties the net compensation of state prosecutors adversely affected by legislation related to member contributions to the Employees Retirement System of Texas, enacted by the Eighty-fourth Legislature, 2015.

The Judiciary Section will distribute monthly payments to the affected counties in amounts that are sufficient to allow counties to provide state prosecutors a salary supplement such that their compensation, after fringe benefit contributions, will offset the State deduction for the additional State Retirement contribution.

Additionally, the Judiciary Section will distribute payments to the counties an amount to sufficiently cover the counties' cost of providing the supplement.

Example of County Payments					
Supplement and Contributions	Percent	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
Gross Wages		140,000.00	11,666.66	112,000.00	9,333.33
Retirement Rate Increase		2.6%	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%
Prosecutor Gross Payment		3,640.00	303.33	2,912.00	242.67
County Reimbursements					
County Paid OASDI	6.20%	225.68	18.81	180.54	15.05
County Paid Medicare	1.45%	52.78	4.40	42.22	3.52
County Paid Retirement	13.67%	497.59	41.47	398.07	33.17
County Paid Workers Comp.	0.16%	5.82	0.49	4.66	0.39
Total County Payment		4,421.87	368.50	3,537.49	294.80

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND RETURN TO THE COMPTROLLER'S JUDICIARY SECTION

Judicial District	49TH	District Attorney	ISIDRO R. ALANIZ
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County Paid OASDI	6.2	%
County Paid Medicare	1.45	%
County Paid Retirement	10.40	%
County Paid Workers Comp.	NA	%

County Name	WEBB COUNTY
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