

**SENATE AMENDMENT 1 TO hb1697.**

deleting on line 22 of page 1 the word "subsection" and substituting therefor the word "subsections";

AND

by deleting everything on lines 23 through 29 of page 1 in their entirety;

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by inserting on line 30 of page 1 before the first parenthesis "(" a quotation mark (");

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by deleting on line 30 of page 1 the number in the parenthesis "2" and substituting therefor the letter "g";

AND

by deleting on line 33 of page 1 the language "to which this subsection (g) applies";

AND

by deleting on line 10 of page 2 the quotation marks at the end of the line;

AND

by inserting on line 11 of page 2 two (2) new subsections (h) and (i) as follow:

"(h) (1) Upon the approval of the governing body of the municipality and of the county quorum court, if county funds are used to partially pay the salary of the judge of the municipal court, any person who has sixteen (16) or more years of public service, with not less than twelve (12) years as municipal judge and at least four (4) years of other public service as a state trooper, as deputy prosecuting attorney, and with active duty in the military aggregated together for a total of sixteen (16) years or more at public service, shall be eligible to receive retirement benefits provided by this subchapter.

(2) If the judge resigns, retires from office, or is succeeded in office by another judge, he shall receive retirement benefits for and during the remainder of his natural life in an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the salary payable to him at the time

of his resignation, retirement, or succession in office.

(3) If incapacitating illness or disability should occur during the final term for qualification under these provisions, then the judge so elected shall be eligible to retire at one-half (1/2) pay as provided in this section.

(4) In addition thereto, the surviving widow of the qualifying judge shall be entitled to the benefits provided in this subchapter until her death or remarriage.

(i) (1) Upon the approval of a majority of the city council or board of directors of a city of the first or second class and the approval of the quorum court of the county, if county funds are used to partially pay the salary of the judge of the municipal court, any person who at age fifty (50) has sixteen (16) years of service, with not less than eight (8) years as municipal judge and at least six (6) years as a prosecuting attorney or deputy prosecuting attorney and two (2) years with any state agency for a total of sixteen (16) years, shall be eligible to receive retirement benefits provided by this subchapter.

(2) If the judge resigns, retires from office, or is succeeded in office by another judge, he shall receive retirement benefits for and during the remainder of his natural life in an amount equal to one-half (1/2) of the salary payable to him at the time of his resignation, retirement, or succession in office.

(3) If incapacitating illness or disability should occur during the final term of qualification under these provisions, then the judge so elected shall be eligible to retire at one-half (1/2) pay as provided in this section.

(4) In addition thereto, the surviving spouse of the qualifying judge shall be entitled to the benefits provided in this subchapter until his or her death or remarriage."".