

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS25288

This bill includes a base increase for all judicial officers of \$3,200, and restores appropriate salary differentials between judges and justices serving at different levels of the judiciary. It sets the annual salaries of justices of the Supreme Court at \$146,700, an increase of \$6,700 over their current salaries. The difference between salaries of Supreme Court justices and judges of the Court of Appeals is decreased from \$10,000 to \$9,000, resulting in a salary increase for Court of Appeals judges from \$130,000 to \$137,700. The difference between salaries of Court of Appeals judges and district judges is increased from \$1,500 to \$6,000, resulting in an increase in the salary of district judges from \$128,500 to \$131,700. The difference between salaries of district judges and magistrate judges remains at \$12,000, resulting in an increase in salaries of magistrate judges from \$116,500 to \$119,700. In addition, the bill increases the additional salary provided to the Chief Justice, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, and Administrative District Judges from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

FISCAL NOTE

The total annual fiscal impact for this increase in salary and associated benefits, which are paid from the general fund, is \$705,099.

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