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56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024

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DISCUSSION DRAFT

AN ACT

RELATING TO JUDICIAL SALARIES; PROVIDING THAT JUSTICES OF THE STATE SUPREME COURT AND DISTRICT COURT JUDGES SHALL RECEIVE A SALARY INCREASE; PROVIDING THAT AN ANNUAL PAY INCREASE BE AT THE ANNUAL RATE OF INFLATION; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 34-1-9 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1993, Chapter 278, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"34-1-9. SALARIES OF JUSTICES, JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES.--

A. Justices of the supreme court shall each receive an annual salary ~~[as provided by the legislature]~~ of two hundred thirty-two thousand six hundred dollars (\$232,600) and district court judges shall each receive an annual salary of two hundred nine thousand nine hundred twenty-two dollars (\$209,922) beginning July 1, 2024, and salaries thereafter

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1 shall increase annually at the rate of inflation as measured by
2 the consumer price index. The chief justice of the supreme
3 court shall receive an annual salary that is two thousand
4 dollars (\$2,000) more than the annual salary of a justice of
5 the supreme court.

6 B. The chief judge of:

7 (1) the court of appeals shall receive an
8 annual salary that is ninety-five percent of the annual salary
9 of the chief justice of the supreme court;

10 (2) a district court shall receive an annual
11 salary that is ninety-five percent of the annual salary of the
12 chief judge of the court of appeals; and

13 (3) a metropolitan court shall receive an
14 annual salary that is ninety-five percent of the annual salary
15 of the chief judge of a district court.

16 C. The presiding magistrate of a magistrate
17 district where three or more divisions operate as a single
18 court shall receive an annual salary that is seventy-five
19 percent of the annual salary of the chief judge of a
20 metropolitan court.

21 D. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or
22 any other provision of this section, the annual salaries of the
23 following judges and magistrates shall be established as
24 follows:

25 (1) a judge of the court of appeals shall

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1 receive an annual salary that is ninety-five percent of the
2 annual salary of a justice of the supreme court;

3 (2) a district court judge shall receive an
4 annual salary that is ninety-five percent of the annual salary
5 of a judge of the court of appeals;

6 (3) a metropolitan court judge shall receive
7 an annual salary that is ninety-five percent of the annual
8 salary of a district court judge;

9 (4) a full-time magistrate shall receive an
10 annual salary that is seventy-five percent of the annual salary
11 of a metropolitan court judge;

12 (5) a half-time magistrate shall receive an
13 annual salary that is fifty percent of the annual salary of a
14 full-time magistrate; and

15 (6) a quarter-time magistrate shall receive an
16 annual salary that is twenty-five percent of the annual salary
17 of a full-time magistrate.

18 E. For fiscal year 1995 and all subsequent fiscal
19 years, the annual salary for justices of the supreme court,
20 judges of the court of appeals, district court judges,
21 metropolitan court judges and magistrates shall be
22 [~~established~~] provided by the legislature in an appropriations
23 act.

24 F. No additional salaries shall be paid to
25 justices, judges or magistrates on account of services rendered

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1 the state. Justices of the supreme court, judges of the court
2 of appeals, district court judges, metropolitan court judges
3 and magistrates shall receive per diem and mileage for
4 necessary travel on official business of the court as provided
5 in the Per Diem and Mileage Act."

6 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Six million forty-eight
7 thousand six hundred eighty-four dollars (\$6,048,684) is
8 appropriated from the general fund to the administrative office
9 of the courts for expenditure in fiscal year 2025 and
10 subsequent fiscal years to fund judicial salaries. Any
11 unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of a
12 fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.