

SENATE BILL NO. 248—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA SUPREME COURT)

MARCH 12, 2007

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Revises provisions concerning the salaries of justices of the Supreme Court and district judges in Nevada. (BDR 1-663)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to the judicial system; adjusting prospectively the salaries of justices of the Supreme Court and district judges; making an appropriation; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 **Section 1** of this bill prospectively increases the annual base salaries of justices
2 of the Supreme Court from \$140,000 to \$170,000. (NRS 2.050) **Section 2** of this
3 bill prospectively increases the annual base salaries of district judges from
4 \$130,000 to \$160,000. (NRS 3.030)

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 2.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 2.050 1. Until the first Monday in January ~~2003,~~ **2009**, the
3 justices of the Supreme Court whose terms of office expire on the
4 first Monday in January ~~2003~~ **2009** are entitled to receive an
5 annual base salary of ~~[\$107,600.]~~ **\$140,000**. From and after the first
6 Monday in January ~~2003,~~ **2009**, their successors in office are
7 entitled to receive an annual base salary of ~~[\$140,000.]~~ **\$170,000**.
8 2. Until the first Monday in January ~~2005,~~ **2011**, the justices
9 of the Supreme Court whose terms of office expire on the first
10 Monday in January ~~2005~~ **2011** are entitled to receive an annual



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1 base salary of ~~[\$107,600.]~~ \$140,000. From and after the first
2 Monday in January ~~[2005,]~~ 2011, their successors in office are
3 entitled to receive an annual base salary of ~~[\$140,000.]~~ \$170,000.

4 3. Until the first Monday in January ~~[2007,]~~ 2013, the justices
5 of the Supreme Court whose terms of office expire on the first
6 Monday in January ~~[2007]~~ 2013 are entitled to receive an annual
7 base salary of ~~[\$107,600.]~~ \$140,000. From and after the first
8 Monday in January ~~[2007,]~~ 2013, their successors in office are
9 entitled to receive an annual base salary of ~~[\$140,000.]~~ \$170,000.

10 4. All salaries provided for in this section are payable in
11 biweekly installments as other state officers are paid.

12 **Sec. 2.** NRS 3.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 3.030 1. Until the first Monday in January ~~[2003,]~~ 2009, the
14 annual base salary of each district judge is ~~[\$100,000.]~~ \$130,000.
15 From and after the first Monday in January ~~[2003,]~~ 2009, the annual
16 base salary of each district judge is ~~[\$130,000.]~~ \$160,000.

17 2. If a district judge has served in his office for at least 4 years,
18 he is entitled to an additional salary of 2 percent of his annual base
19 salary for each year of service. The additional salary must not
20 exceed 22 percent of his annual base salary.

21 3. The annual base salaries and the additional salary for
22 longevity must be paid in biweekly installments out of the District
23 Judges' Salary Account of the Supreme Court.

24 4. No salary of any district judge may be paid in advance.

25 **Sec. 3.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State
26 General Fund to the Supreme Court the sum of \$46,590 for the
27 additional salary costs for justices of the Supreme Court resulting
28 from section 1 of this act.

29 2. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to
30 the District Judges' Salary Account the sum of \$1,212,274 for
31 additional salary costs for district judges resulting from section 2 of
32 this act.

33 3. There is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund to
34 the Senior Justice and Senior Judge Program Account the sum of
35 \$185,445 for the additional salary costs for Senior Justices and
36 Senior Judges resulting from the increased salaries provided for
37 justices of the Supreme Court and district judges in sections 1 and 2
38 of this act.

39 4. Any remaining balance of the appropriations made by
40 subsections 1, 2 and 3 must not be committed for expenditure after
41 June 30, 2009, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or
42 any entity to which the money from the appropriation is granted or
43 otherwise transferred in any manner, and any portion of the
44 appropriated money remaining must not be spent for any purpose
45 after September 18, 2009, by either the entity to which the money



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1 was appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently
2 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General
3 Fund on or before September 18, 2009.

4 **Sec. 4.** 1. This section and sections 1 and 2 of this act
5 become effective upon passage and approval.

6 2. Section 3 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2008.

