

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 46—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA SUPREME COURT)

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Increases annual base salaries for certain justices and judges. (BDR 1-500)

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; increasing prospectively the base salaries of justices of the Supreme Court, the judges of the Court of Appeals and the district judges in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 **Section 1** of this bill prospectively increases the base salaries of the justices of
2 the Supreme Court from \$170,000 to \$200,000. (NRS 2.050) **Section 2** of this bill
3 prospectively increases the base salaries of the judges of the Court of Appeals from
4 \$165,000 to \$195,000. (NRS 2A.080) **Section 3** of this bill prospectively increases
5 the base salaries of the district judges from \$160,000 to \$190,000. (NRS 3.030) The
6 Nevada Constitution prohibits the increase or decrease in the salary of such a
7 justice or judge during the term of office for which he or she was elected. (Nev.
8 Const. Art. 6, § 15) Therefore, the increases in the base salaries provided in this bill
9 take effect upon the commencement of the next term of office and do not apply
10 during the current term of any such justice or judge.

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 ~~2009~~ **2021**, the
3 justices of the Supreme Court whose terms of office expire on the
4 first Monday in January ~~2009~~ **2021** are entitled to receive an
5 annual base salary of ~~\$140,000~~ **\$170,000**. From and after the first



Monday in January ~~2009,~~ 2021, their successors in office are entitled to receive an annual base salary of ~~170,000.~~ \$200,000.

2. Until the first Monday in January ~~2011,~~ 2023, the justices of the Supreme Court whose terms of office expire on the first Monday in January ~~2011,~~ 2023 are entitled to receive an annual base salary of ~~140,000.~~ \$170,000. From and after the first Monday in January ~~2011,~~ 2023, their successors in office are entitled to receive an annual base salary of ~~170,000.~~ \$200,000.

3. Until the first Monday in January ~~2013,~~ 2025, the justices of the Supreme Court whose terms of office expire on the first Monday in January ~~2013,~~ 2025 are entitled to receive an annual base salary of ~~140,000.~~ \$170,000. From and after the first Monday in January ~~2013,~~ 2025, their successors in office are entitled to receive an annual base salary of ~~170,000.~~ \$200,000.

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

Sec. 2. NRS 2A.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2A.080 1. The annual base salary of each judge of the Court of Appeals *whose term of office expires on the first Monday in January 2023* is \$165,000. *From and after the first Monday in January 2023, their successors in office are entitled to receive an annual base salary of \$195,000.*

2. A judge of the Court of Appeals who has served as a justice of the Supreme Court, judge of the Court of Appeals or judge of a district court, or any combination thereof, for at least 4 years is entitled to an additional salary of 2 percent of his or her annual base salary for each year of service. The additional salary must not exceed 22 percent of his or her annual base salary.

3. The salary provided for in this section is payable in biweekly installments as other state officers are paid.

Sec. 3. NRS 3.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.030 1. Until the first Monday in January ~~2009,~~ 2021, the annual base salary of each district judge is ~~130,000.~~ \$160,000. From and after the first Monday in January ~~2009,~~ 2021, the annual base salary of each district judge is ~~160,000.~~ \$190,000.

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

3. The annual base salaries and the additional salary for longevity must be paid in biweekly installments out of the State Judicial Elected Officials Account of the Supreme Court.



- 1 4. No salary of any district judge may be paid in advance.
2 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2019.

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