

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 16—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA SUPREME COURT)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 16, 2022

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Prescribes the manner for increasing the base salaries of justices of the Nevada Supreme Court and judges of the Nevada Court of Appeals. (BDR 1-434)

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 courts; prescribing the manner for increases in the annual base salary of the justices of the Nevada Supreme Court and the judges of the Nevada Court of Appeals; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law sets the annual base salary for justices of the Nevada Supreme Court at \$170,000 and for judges of the Nevada Court of Appeals at \$165,000. (NRS 2.050, 2A.080) This bill provides for increases in the annual base salary for justices of the Nevada Supreme Court and judges of the Nevada Court of Appeals every 6 years based upon the cumulative percentage increase in the salaries of the classified employees of this State.

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

Section 1. NRS 2.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2.050 1. Until the first Monday in January ~~2009,~~ **2025**, the justices of the Supreme Court whose terms of office expire on the first Monday in January ~~2009,~~ **2025** are entitled to receive an annual base salary of ~~[\$140,000. From and after]~~ **\$170,000. On** the first Monday in January ~~2009,~~ **2025, the annual base salary must be increased by an amount equal to the cumulative percentage**



1 *increase in the salaries of the classified employees of this State*
2 *during the immediately preceding 12 years. Every sixth year*
3 *thereafter, the annual base salary of their successors in office ~~are~~*
4 *~~entitled to receive an annual base salary of \$170,000.~~ must be*
5 *increased by an amount equal to the cumulative percentage*
6 *increase in the salaries of the classified employees of this State*
7 *during the immediately preceding 6 years.*

8 2. Until the first Monday in January ~~{2011,}~~ 2027, the justices
9 of the Supreme Court whose terms of office expire on the first
10 Monday in January ~~{2011}~~ 2027 are entitled to receive an annual
11 base salary of ~~{\$140,000. From and after}~~ \$170,000. On the first
12 Monday in January ~~{2011,}~~ 2027, the annual base salary must be
13 increased by an amount equal to the cumulative percentage
14 increase in the salaries of the classified employees of this State
15 during the immediately preceding 12 years. Every sixth year
16 thereafter, the annual base salary of their successors in office ~~are~~
17 ~~entitled to receive an annual base salary of \$170,000.~~ must be
18 increased by an amount equal to the cumulative percentage
19 increase in the salaries of the classified employees of this State
20 during the immediately preceding 6 years.

21 3. Until the first Monday in January ~~{2013,}~~ 2029, the justices
22 of the Supreme Court whose terms of office expire on the first
23 Monday in January ~~{2013}~~ 2029 are entitled to receive an annual
24 base salary of ~~{\$140,000. From and after}~~ \$170,000. On the first
25 Monday in January ~~{2013,}~~ 2029, the annual base salary must be
26 increased by an amount equal to the cumulative percentage
27 increase in the salaries of the classified employees of this State
28 during the immediately preceding 12 years. Every sixth year
29 thereafter, the annual base salary of their successors in office ~~are~~
30 ~~entitled to receive an annual base salary of \$170,000.~~ must be
31 increased by an amount equal to the cumulative percentage
32 increase in the salaries of the classified employees of this State
33 during the immediately preceding 6 years.

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

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

37 2A.080 1. ~~{The}~~ *Until the first Monday in January 2029, the*
38 *annual base salary of each judge of the Court of Appeals is*
39 *\$165,000. On the first Monday in January 2029 and on the first*
40 *Monday of every sixth year thereafter, the annual base salary of*
41 *his or her successor in office must be increased by an amount*
42 *equal to the cumulative percentage increase in the salaries of the*
43 *classified employees of this State during the immediately*
44 *preceding 6 years.*



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

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

9 **Sec. 3.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

