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#### Foreword

This survey of judicial salaries lists salary figures as of April 30, 1977. Bold face figures in the charts ("Salaries—Courts of Appellate and General Jurisdictions and State Court Administrators" and "Salaries—Courts of Special or Limited Jurisdiction") indicate changes since the January 1977 issue.

The "Judicial Salaries in Appellate and Trial Courts" table lists for each state court system the date of last salary change for highest, intermediate appellate and general trial court judges. This table, like the "Rank Order of Judicial Salaries" table, utilizes salaries paid to associate justices for the highest courts and intermediate appellate courts. The general trial court salaries refer to the state-paid salary without supplements. Salaries including supplements appear in parentheses immediately beneath the figures for the state paid salary.

The section dealing with judicial salaries in courts of limited or special jurisdiction is divided into seven categories on a jurisdictional basis.

Appendix I lists salaries scheduled to take effect in the future and pending legislation which could affect judicial salaries. Appendix II indicates the states which provide for "floating" judicial salaries on the consumer price index or other cost of living adjuster.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the survey data; figures for each state have been obtained from its office of court administration. If errors have occurred or if the data is not completely accurate, please notify us promptly.

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### RANK ORDER OF JUDICIAL SALARIES, POPULATION, AND PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME IN THE FIFTY STATES

The salaries reported for the highest appellate court refer to the salaries paid to associate justices. The general trial court salaries refer to the standard state-paid salary for ranking purposes. The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, District of Columbia and United States courts are ranked relative to the states, but did not figure in the initial numbering.

#### JUDICIAL SALARIES

State	Highest Appellate Courts	General Trial Courts	Per Capita Personal Income <sup>a</sup>	Population <sup>a</sup>
ALABAMA	40*	47*	46	21
ALASKA	4	3	1	50
ARIZONA	30	24*	32	32
ARKANSAS	45	39	49	33
CALIFORNIA	1	1	7	1
COLORADO	17*	24*	22	28
CONNECTICUT	34	19	, j	24
DELAWARE	15	12	3	47
FLORIDA	17*	16	28	8
GEORGIA	17*	27	37	14
HAWAII	11	5*	10	40
IDAHO	44	40	35	41
ILLINOIS	5*	13	4	5
INDIANA	28	43 b	27	12
IOWA	25*	23	18	25
KANSAS	38*	33	15	31
KENTUCKY	25*	18	45	23
LOUISIANA	-5*	5*	44	20
MAINE	50	46	42	38
MARYLAND	13	11	9	18

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>U.S. Department of Commerce and Bureau of the Census, Statistical Abstract of the United States 1976 (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1976); 1975 income figures p. 402, 1975 population figures p. 11.

hRank is based on lower figure of salary range.

<sup>\*</sup> Another state has the same rank.

#### Highest General Per Capita **Appellate** Trial Personal State Courts Courts Income **Population MASSACHUSETTS** 16 15 14 10 5\* MICHIGAN 41 11 **MINNESOTA** 31\* 29 23 19 38\* MISSISSIPPI 34\* 50 10 31\* MISSOURI 31\* 30 15 **MONTANA** 49 47\* 29 43 **NEBRASKA** 22 14 13 35 35\* NEVADA 34\* 46 8 **NEW HAMPSHIRE** 37 22 33 42 **NEW JERSEY** 8 8 9 3 37 **NEW MEXICO** 4()\* 31\* 48 **NEW YORK** 2 2 ti NORTH CAROLINA 21 28 41 11 34\* **NORTH DAKOTA** 43 21 43 OHIO 17\* 49h 10 í١ **OKLAHOMA** 29 50h 34 27 OREGON 27 17 26 30 **PENNSYLVANIA** 20 3 .1 .1 33 21 17 **RHODE ISLAND** 30 SOUTH CAROLINA 24 10 47 26 **SOUTH DAKOTA** 48 44 36 4.4 **TENNESSEE** 9 4) 43 1 ... **TEXAS** 10 2b 31 UTAH 46 42 39 341 **VERMONT** 47 45 38 48 **VIRGINIA** 14 24 1.3 WASHINGTON 23 20 12 3.3 WEST VIRGINIA 35\* 30 40 3.4 WISCONSIN 12 38 25 16 WYOMING 42 34\* 16 49 COMMONWEALTH 43°\* 441 OF PUERTO RICO DISTRICT OF 5 30 **COLUMBIA**

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# JUDICIAL SALARIES IN APPELLATE AND TRIAL COURTS

State	Supreme Court	Intermediate Appellate Court	General Trial Court	Date of Last Salary Change
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ALABAMA	\$ 33,500	\$ 33,000	\$ 25,000 (36,700)	1/20/75
ALASKA	52,992		48,576	7/1/75
ARIZONA	37,000	35,000	33,000	1/6/75
ARKANSAS	31,189		29,013	7/1/76
CALIFORNIA	62,935	59,002	49,166	9/1/76
COLORADO	40,000	37°,(H()()	33,000	7/1/76
CONNECTICUT	36,000		34,500	1/3/73
DELAWARE	42,000		39,000	7/1/75
FLORIDA	40,000	38,000	36,000	1/1/75
GEORGIA	40,000	39,500	32,500 (44,600)	7/1/75
HAWAII	45.000		42,500	1/1/76
IDAHO	31,500		⊋8,500	7/1/76
ILLINOIS	50,000	45,000	37,000	7/1/75
INDIANA	38,100	38,1(a)	26,500- 31,500	6/1/75
IOWA	39,000	36,000	33,072	7/1/76
KANSAS	34,000	33,000	30,500	1/10/77
KENTUCKY	39,000	37,000	35,000	6/30/76
LOUISIANA	50,000	47,500	42,500	7/1/76
MAINE	26,000		25,500	4/1/74
MARYLAND	44,100	41,400	39,200	7/1/75
MASSACHUSETTS	40,788	37,771	36,203	1/1/74
MICHIGAN	50,000	44,478	27,700	1/1/77
			(45,622)	
MINNESOTA	36,500		32,000	7/1/73
MISSISSIPPI	34,000		30,000	7/1/74
MISSOURI	36,500	34,000	31,000	9/28/75
MONTANA	27,000		25,000	7:1:75

Note: Salaries including supplements are shown in parentheses immediately beneath the figures for state-paid salaries.

h Rank is based on lower figure of salary range.
 h After all the states were ranked, these courts were ranked relative to the states.

State	Supreme Court	Intermediate Appellate Court	General Trial Court	Date of Last Salary Change
NEBRASKA	39,750		36,500 (38,000)	11/77
NEVADA	\$ ()(1()		30,000	4.4.75
NEW HAMPSHIRE	14,tlen)		33,456	7/1/75
NEW JERSEY	424,0000	\$ hat (1)	4(),(10)	6.28.24
NEW MEXICO	3.4,5000	3.2 (4()	31 (00)	7.176
NEW YORK	60, * T	31.62	48,998	1.174
NORTH CAROLINA	\$44,01145	17.124	32.016	7.1.76
NORTH DAKOTA	3.1 (3()()		3(3,0)(3(3	7 1 70
OHO	4(1)(1)(1)	(200), "7	23,500	11-16-4
OKLAHOMA	<b>1()</b> (nn)	\$ p <sub>1</sub> (1(1())	<b>14,000</b> 21 (100 32 (101)	7 1 7h
OREGON	48 270	\$77, \$414	49,00g	7.176
PENNSYLVANIA	5 + (2000)	Эздина	45,660(1	7/1/76
RHODE ISLAND	344, 3041		14,1(t)	6.2075
SOUTH CAROLINA	19,377		39,3703	7-1-74
SOUTH DAKOTA	,*81,(34.1C)		,16s,(1kH)	<b>∔</b> -1 7 ×
TENNESSEE	47,639	43.639	39,690	7.176
TEXAS	47,4(n)	41,800 (46,400)	32,800 (45,400)	94/76
UTAH	\$C), \$11 H(x		,177, GH3	7.1.75
VERMONT	, 243, 44(1F)		25 (00)	0 1 24
VIRGINIA	44.6661		41 (10)	7 7 ***
WASHINGTON	39,413	\$ \$ x , \$ 1 's	34,250	1. 1. 1.
WEST VIRGINIA	\$5,000		41,500	1 1
WISCONSIN	44 I+i()		,29,940 (39,938)	7177
WYOMING	37 3643		3(),()()()	· 1 ····
NATIONAL AVERAGE	39,7611	40.2185	33,616 (	NA
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	51,750		49,040	2/20/77
FEDERAL SYSTEM	63.0(%)	44,600	42.000	10 1 25
COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO	\$2.000	•	265(11)()	*****

### **Key to Abbreviations**

AC	Appellate Court	DCA	District Court of
AdDirCt	Administrative		Appeals
	Director of the Court	DistJ	District Judge
ADistl	Associate District	DpC)	Deputy Chief Judge
•	ludge	Equity C	Equity Court
AJ	Associate Judge,	ExecOif	Executive Officer
•	lustice	GenSessCt	General Sessions
AppDiv	Appellate Division	Gensesset	Court
Asstl	Assistant Judge		4: <del></del>
CA	Court of Appeals	]	Judge
	Circuit Court	JC	Justice Courts
CCivA	Court of Civil	JDRC	Juvenile and
CCIVA			Domestic Relations
area s A	Appeals		Court
CCrA	Court of Criminal	JB	Justice of the Peace
	Appeals	Juv	Juvenile Court
Ch	Chancellor	MC	Municipal Court
ChC	Chancery Court	PC	Probate Court
Cirl	Circuit Judge	PCirl	Presiding Circuit
CJ	Chief Judge, Justice	City	Judge
Co	County	PJ	Presiding Judge
CoC	County Court	PoC	Police Court
CoDC	County District		
	Court	SC	Superior Court
Comm	Commissioner	SCA	State Court
Comp	Compensation		Administrator
CP	Court of Common	SCoC	Superior County
	Pleas		Court
CrC	Criminal Court	SpecJ	Special Judge
CrDC	Criminal District	SrC	Surrogate Court
.,	Court	StIndust@t	State Industrial
CSA	Court of Special		Court
2017	Appeals	SupCt	Supreme Court
Ct	Court	Supp	Supplement
DC	District Court	VCh	Vice Chancellor
I)C	FARILLE COURT	* *4.**	

Note: Salaries including supplements are shown in parentheses immed, itely beneath the figures for state paid salaries.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Arithmetic average figured for the 30 states.

Arithmetic average figured for the 2" states that have intermediate appellate courts

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State	Highest Court CJ AJ		State Court Administrator	1	rmediate late Court	General Trial Court	
KENTUCKY †	39,500	39,000	30,000	CJ J	37,500 37,000	СС	35,000
LOUISIANA	50,000	50,000	43,450	CA	47,500	DC base  * where pop. ex	42,500 45,000* cceeds 225,000
MAINET	27,500	26,000	24,500			SC	25,500
MARYLAND	45,200	44,100	39,200	CSA: CJ AJ	42,500 41,400	CC	39,200
MASSACHUSETTS	42,236	40,788	30,691	AC: CJ AJ	39,220 37,771	SC: CJ AJ	37,771 36,203
MICHIGAN	50,000	<b>50,000</b> Comm 29,461 36,038	45,330	CA	44,478	CC Local supps. Recorders Court* * Detroit	27,700 3,500- <b>17,922+</b> <b>45,622+</b>
MINNESOTA	40,000	36,500	32,000			DC Ramsey, F St. Louis DC other count	counties
MISSISSIPPI	CJ 35,000 PJ 34,500	34,000				CC ChC	30,000 30,000
MISSOURI	36,500	36,500 Comm 36,500	28,647	CA	34,000	CC	31,000

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MONTANA †

NEBRASKA	39,750	39,750	33,700			DC Local supps. * where pop. over	36,500 1,500* 150,000
NEVADA †	35,000	35,000				DC	30,000
NEW HAMPSHIRE	34,268	34,060	27,500			SC: CJ AJ	34,164 33,956
NEW JERSEY†	50,500	48,000	AdDirCt <b>40,416-54,563</b> Acting AdDirCt 45,000	SCAppDiv	45,000	SC: (assignment judges) SC CoC	43,000 40,000 40,000
NEW MEXICO	33,500	33,500	28,920	CA	32,000	DC	31,000
NEW YORK	63,143	60,575	57,000	AppDiv 1, 2, 3, 4 PJ AJ		SC 1st through 11th Judic	ial Districts 48,998
NORTH CAROLINA†	40,860	39,816	34,104	CA: CJ AJ	38,256 37,224	SC	32,016
NORTH DAKOTA†	33,500	32,000	28,800			DC	30,000
OHIO†	43,500	40,000	37,232	CA	37,000	CC Pleas 23,5	00-34,000
OKLAHOMA	38,000 CCrA 38,000	38,000 CCrA 38,000	35,000	CA	35,000	DC:     Dist)     ADist)     Pop. over 100,000     30,000 to 300,000	
† See Appendix I						10,000 to 29,999 Under 10,000	24,000 21,000

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### Salaries — Courts of Special or Limited Jurisdiction

Circuit and district courts shown here are of limited or special jurisdiction. Courts of general jurisdiction are shown in the preceding section.

State	Family Courts Juvenile Domestic	Probate Courts Surrogate Courts	Justice Courts Justice of Peace	County Courts	Circuit or District Courts	Municipal Courts Police Courts	Common Plea Courts
ALABAMA		PC 300-45,000			DC 22,500 Local Supp. up to 9,000	Recorders Ct. 500-22,000	
ALASKA †				Magistrate Ct. 6,464-30,590	DC 41,068		
ARIZONA			JP <b>8,600-17,000</b> based on registered voters in precinct			PoC <b>600-</b> 36,525 set by Mayor and City Council	
ARKANSAS †			1,200-2,400	9,000-24,000		MC 2,400- 31,500 PoC 1,200- 3,600* City Court 1,200-3,600 *Beebe County	100-900 based on cases*  * This court is presided over by the CoC Judge who receives this in add, to his regular salary.
CALIFORNIA			JC 5,670 36,580			MC 45,235	
COLORADO †	Juv* 33,000 SC* 33,000 *Denver	PC* 33,000 * Denver		Denver 30,000 Others 3,000- 30,000		MC 500- 30,000	

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CONNECTICUTE	Juv: CJ 32,500 J 28,500	PC Fees up to 34,500						C) J	32,500 28,500
		31,500	JР	13,000			MC Wilmington	СР	
DELAWARE	Family Court: CJ 38,500 AJ 38,000		) <b>,</b>	13,000			CJ 32,748 AJ 31,579 AJ 13,684* * part-time	CJ AJ	38,500 38,000
FLORIDA†					Pop. less than 40,000: 26,000 Pop. more than 40,000: 34,000				
GEORGIA	Juv: Full-time <b>22,000-36,200</b> Part-time	5,400-32,450			2,400-33,450		up to 32,968		
HAWAII	1,226-21,000					DC 40,000			
IDAHO						Magistrate Div. of DC Lawyers full-time 24,255 Lay full-time 13,230-18,742 part-time 9,450-10,500			
ILLINOIS INDIANA  † See Appendix I	Juv 26,500 - 31,500* * depends on pop. of cnty.	PC 26,500 - 31,500* * depends on pop. of cnty.			23,500		MC: PJ 30,500 AJ 29,500		

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State	Family Courts Juvenile Domestic	Probate Courts Surrogate Courts	Justice Courts Justice of Peace	County Courts	Circuit er District Courts	Municipal Courts Police Courts	Common Plea Courts
IOWA †					ADist) 25,500	Magistrates full-time 25,500 part-time 6,750	
KANSAS						Municipal Cts.* 0-18,678 * by city	
KENTUCKY†		Co PC up to 14,300	Co. over 250,000: 9,600 Co. 60,000- 250,000: 3,600 Co. 20,000- 60,000: 2,400 Co. less than 20,000: 1,200		-	PoC: 1st class cities 25,000 2nd class cities 21,500	Quarterly Courts up to 14,300
LOUISIANA	Juv 42,500		JP (average) 1,200-1,800			New Orleans: MC 34,000 Traffic Ct. (N.O.) 34,000 City Court Under 100,000 pop. 7,600 - 11,200 plus fees Over 100,000 pop. New Orleans 35,500 Parish Court Jefferson 30,000-44,500	

^	MAINE +		PC 4,500-12,020		DC: CJ 24,000 DpCJ 23,500 J 23,000		
N	1ARYLAND		Orphans Court part-time: salaried 600-18,500 others 15-25 per day		DC: CJ 41,400 AJ 33,300		
л Л	IASSACHUSETTS	Juv: Boston 31,738 others 30,168	PC: CJ 32,944 AJ 31,738 part-time* 11,343 * 1 part-time J	Hampden Co. Housing Ct. 36,203 City of Boston Housing Ct. J 36,203 AJ 32,583		MC: (Boston) CJ 31,738 AJ 30,168	Land Court 36,203
М	ICHIGAN		PC <b>9,000-41,202</b> * * some part-time		DC: 24,930 local supp. up to 12,500	MC some part-time 3,000-33,000	Detroit <b>39,000</b>
М	INNESOTA		PC 33,500*  * Hennepin and Ramsey Counties only	27,500- 29,000* * learned in the law 23,500* * not learned in the law		MC 29,000 * Hennepin and Ramsey Counties only	
†S	See Appendix 1						

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State	Family Courts Juvenile Domestic	Probate Courts Surrogate Courts	Justice Courts Justice of Peace	County Courts	Circuit or District Courts	Municipal Courts Police Courts	Common Plea Courts
MISSISSIPPI	Family Court 29,000* * Harrison Co			5,400-29,000* * depends on population			
MISSOURI		PC 16,200-31,000			St. Louis Ct. of Criminal Corrections 29,000	Magistrate Ct: 19,200-25,400 PC up to 28,000	
MONTANA		general process and a process	JP up to 16.500			City Ct up to 15,600	
NEBRASKA	Juv 36,500 Supp* 1,500 * pop. over 150,000	PC 25,440-30,740 based on pop. AJ up to <b>19,080</b>			•	мс 33,000	Workmen's Comp Ct 34,250
NEVADA †			JC set locally 421-23,500			MC set locally 1,200-26,500	
NEW HAMPSI	HIRE	PC 11,357			DC up to 30.000* depending on pop. and caseload	MC 150-5,100* *depending on pop.	
NEW JERSEY!	JDRC 40,000	SrC up to 27,000		CoDC 37,000		MC up to 27,500	s
NEW MEXICO		PC 1,000-7,040		Magistrate Ct. 5,100-19,950		MC . Ibuquerque only: 28,139	Small Claim Ct. Albuquerque only: 20,000
NEW YORK	Family Court NYC 42,451 other 36,000-48,998	SrC NYC 48,998 others 36,000-48,998		(outside NYC) 36,000-48,998	Nassau CoDC PJ 44,500 AJ 42,000	NYC Civil Ct 42,451 NYC CrimCt 42,451	Ct. of Claims PJ 51,627 AJ 48,998

					Suttolk PJ AJ	Co 45,330 40,990		
NORTH CAROLINAT					DC CJ AJ	25,776 24,744		
NORTH DAKOTA			CoJC up to 7,600	Of increased jurisdiction: 15,500-23,000 others: 7,600-9,900			MC set by gov. body of each munic.	
оню †	Juv 23,500-34,000 DR 23,500-34,000	PC 23,500-34,000		8,000 part-rime			MC 21,000-31,000 part-time 11,000-20,000	
OKLAHOMA	Oklahoma has special courts manned by District Judges who receive only expenses. Courts of Tax Review and Bank Review.						MC set locally by ordinance amount unavailable	StIndustCt 30,000
OREGON			JP 960-11,750		DC 3	11,460	MC & City Cts 3,000-23,000	Tax Court 35,090
PENNSYLVANIA			JP 10,500-19,500 excluding Philadelphia depending on magisterial district size				MC Philadelphia Atty. Judges: PJ 41,500 AJ 40,000 Lay Judges: 21,000 Traffic Ct. PJ 22,000	
† See Appendix I							A) 21,000	

State	Family Courts Juvenile Domestic	Probate Courts Surrogate Courts	Justice Courts Justice of Peace	County Courts	Circuit or District Courts	Municipal Courts Police Courts	Common Plea Courts
RHODE ISLAND	Family Court CJ 35,200 AJ 34,100	PC up to 11,440 Probate Judges are part-time			DC CJ 32,472 AJ 31.372		
SOUTH CAROLINA <sup>†</sup>	Family Ct. set locally	PC set locally		set focally		MC set locally	
SOUTH DAKOTA†			Lay Magistrate 500-9,298		e engrison de la companya de la comp	A CHARLES AND A	a de la companya de l
TENNESSEE †	JC set locally	PC set locally		GenSessCt 1,800-36,380	m Aggir a Air m	MC set locally	
TEXAS* * all set locally	DR and JC same as DC in county up to <b>45,400</b>	PC 5,764-39.088	jP 18.00-24.000	"Constitutional" 600-40,000 Civil. Crim, Crim Appeals, Statutory: 5,764-39,088		MC 6-26,500	
UTAH †	Juv 27,500		JP fees determined by city comm., town council. Subject to review annually			City Cts set by city ordinance 15,000-24,750	
VERMONT		PC 5,700-21,600		Angeles and angeles angeles and angeles angeles and angeles angele	DC: CI 23,700 I 22,700	The state of the s	

VIRGINIA †	JDRC DC 29,900-36,900				GenDC 29,900-36,900 Part-time 8,396-27,830		
WASHINGTON †			JP based on pop. If Justice receives more than 15,000 is considered full-time. Range: 1,000-15,000		DC 29,000	MC Seattle 34,250 other 9,000* * not to exceed Superior Ct	
WEST VIRGINIA						Magistrates 5,000-17,500* * based on pop.	
WISCONSIN				state pav: 13,728 countv pay: 13,728 local supps up to 12,482		MC set locally	
WYOMING			P 7,500-15,000* *Ceilings-Board of Cnty Comm. may fix salaries not to exceed			MC set locally	
FEDERAL SYSTEM				Court of Claims 44,600	Court of Customs and Patent Appeals 44,600	Customs Court 42,000	
PUERTO RICO †	Valletine and the second secon		JP 6,000-8,400	,		MC	
†See Appendix 1		PP.				12,000-13,000	

# Appendices Appendix I Future Salaries and Pending Legislation

#### Alaska

Due to the repeal of legislation CH 205 (SCCS HCSSB 404) ASL 1975 "An act relating to the compensation and retirement of judicial officers, legislators, and public officers and employees; and legislative per diem; and providing for an effective date," salaries of judges hired after October 15, 1976, will be as follows: Supreme Court, \$44,000; Superior Court, \$40,000; District Court, \$33,500.

Several pieces of legislation which would affect judicial salaries have been introduced. HB 279 and SB 305 are identical bills with two major provisions: 1. Return the judicial salary scale to the level of July 1, 1975. That is, all new judges would be paid at the same rate as judges appointed prior to October 16, 1976. 2. For all judges appointed after the effective date of the legislation, a 7½ percent contribution would be required for the retirement program.

SB 90 provides for a 7½ percent contribution for retirement for all judges appointed after its effective date.

HB 278 calls for a geographic cost-of-living salary differential for judges based on the differentials paid to state employees in various locations.

HB 455 calls for a 5 percent increase for state employees. Since the Supreme Court generally follows these salaries in determining magistrates salaries, it is assumed that if HB 455 passes, the magistrates salaries will likewise increase by 5 percent.

#### Arkansas

Salary increases will be as follows: Supreme Court Chief Justice, FY 77-78 \$37,426 and FY 78-79 \$39,927; Supreme Court Associate Justice, FY 77-78 \$34,308 and FY 78-79 \$36,023; Circuit Court and Chancery Court FY 77-78 \$31,914 and FY 78-79 \$33,510; State Court Administrator FY 77-78 \$27,570 and FY 78-79 \$28,949. Fiscal year begins July 1.

#### Colorado

SB 545 currently in the state appropriations committee would give the chief justice and Supreme Court \$5,000 increases; Court of Appeals, District Court (also Denver juvenile, probate and superior), and all full-time county judges \$3,000. Other county judges would receive proportional increases. If adopted, these increases would be effective July 1, 1977.

#### Connecticut

The Court of Common Pleas, the Juvenile Court, and the Probate Courts will be merged into one court, the Superior Court, as of July 1, 1978, at which time the lower courts will attain the salary of the present Superior Court judges over a period of five years.

#### Florida

Proposed legislation recommends a 15 percent raise which would bring salaries up to the following: Supreme Court, \$46,000; District Courts of Appeal, \$43,700; Circuit Court, \$41,400; County Court (county population over 40,000) \$39,100 and (county population under 40,000) \$29,900.

#### Illinois

HB 1329 seeks increases as follows: Supreme Court, \$62,500; Appellate Court, \$55,000; Circuit Court, \$49,000, associate judges \$47,000; court administrator, \$55,000. If passed, the bill will become effective July 1, 1977.

#### lowa

In lowa, there is a bill to increase judicial salaries as follows: Supreme Court chief justice \$50,000, associate justices \$45,000; Court of Appeals chief judge \$43,500, associate judges \$42,500; District Court chief judge \$42,000, judges \$40,000; limited jurisdiction judges, full-time \$33,000, part-time \$8,000.

#### Kentucky

All the courts now listed as Limited or Special Jurisdiction courts (Quarterly Courts, County Probate Courts, Police Courts, Justice Courts) will be merged into District Court January 1, 1978. Salaries for District Court judges will be \$27,500.

#### Maine

L.D. No. 401 seeks an across the board \$7,000 increase for all judges excluding Probate Court.

#### Montana

SB 71 would make the following salaries effective July 1, 1977: Supreme Court chief justice, \$37,000; Supreme Court associate justice, \$36,000; District judge, \$35,000.

#### Nevada

SB 424 will affect salaries from and after the first Monday in January 1979: Supreme Court justices would receive \$46,000; district judges would receive \$43,000.

#### New Jersey

Legislation seeking to increase by \$6,000 the salary of every judge and legislation seeking to increase the salaries of County District Court judges from \$37,000 to \$40,000 are pending in committee.

#### North Carolina

House Bill 51 would provide salary increases for judges ranging from a low of 18% for the Chief Justice to a high of 29% for the district court judges. The raises will be divided equally over a two year period, being implemented on July 1, 1977, and July, 1978.

#### North Dakota

Salary increases effective July 1, 1977, are as follows: Supreme Court chief justice, \$38,300; Supreme Court associate justices, \$36,800; District Court judge, \$34,500; State Court Administrator \$30,240.

#### Ohio

HB 280 seeks the following salaries: Supreme Court chief justice, \$54,375; Supreme Court judges, \$50,000; Court of Appeals, \$46,250; Court of Common Pleas, \$28,500; Probate Court, \$28,500.

#### South Carolina

A statewide family court system will begin operation on July 1, 1977; the family court judges will be state salaried at \$35,345. Act No. 690, 1976 Acts and Resolutions.

HB 2210 seeks the following salaries: Supreme Court chief justice, \$51,124; Supreme Court associates, \$45,000; Circuit Court, \$45,000; Family Court, \$38,500; court administrator \$31,127.

#### South Dakota

The following salaries are effective July, 1977: Supreme Court chief justice \$34,000; Supreme Court justice \$32,000; Circuit Court presiding justice, \$31,000; Circuit judge, \$30,000; and court administrator, \$25,000.

#### Tennessee

The Consumer Price Index publication states that the percentage increase was 5.8 percent over 1975; Tennessee is working with the assumption that the judicial salaries will be increased by 5.8 percent in July 1977.

#### Utah

The following salaries will be effective May 10, 1977: Supreme Court chief justice, \$36,000; Supreme Court associate justices, \$35,500; District Court chief judge and Chairman, Utah Judicial Council, \$34,500; District Judges, \$33,500; Juvenile Court, \$33,500; City Court, \$30,150.

#### Vermont

The following salaries are effective July 1, 1977: Supreme Court chief justice, \$33,250; Supreme Court associates, \$31,750; Superior County Court, \$30,000; Probate Courts, \$6,160 to \$23,330; District Court, \$29,000; court administrator, \$30,000.

#### Virginia

Legislation has been adopted that will make the following salaries effective July 1, 1977: Supreme Court chief justice, \$46,000 plus \$4,000 in lieu of travel expense; Supreme Court associate justices, \$45,000 plus \$4,000 in lieu of travel expense; Circuit Court judges, \$42,000, District Court judges (General District and Juvenile and Domestic Relations), \$31,700 to \$37,800.

#### Washington

The Salary Commission has recommended the following salaries: Supreme Court, \$45,000; Court of Appeals, \$42,000; Superior Court, \$39,000; District Court (full time) \$33,000; and State Court Administrator, \$35,100.

#### Puerto Rico

SB 214 proposes the following salaries: Supreme Court chief judge, \$32,600; Supreme Court associate judge, \$32,000; Superior Court, \$30,000 to \$31,800; District Court, \$22,900 to \$27,400; Municipal judges, \$15,000 to \$18,000; justice of the peace, \$9,000 to \$11,400.

## Appendix II Floating Salary Statutes

California, Massachusetts and Tennessee provide for judicial salary increases based on a consumer price index. California utilizes the California consumer price index while Massachusetts and Tennessee use the U.S. consumer price index. Maryland provides automatic salary increases for the judiciary based on general salary increases awarded to all state employees. Rhode Island provides for longevity increases as shown in this section. The statutory authority for these automatic salary increases follows.

California: The California Government Code § 68203, 1964, as amended, (Supp 1976) provides:

"In addition to the increase provided under this section on September 1, 1968, on the effective date of the 1969 amendments to this section and on September 1 of each year thereafter, the salary of each justice and judge named in Sections 68200 to 68202, inclusive, shall be increased by that amount which is produced by multiplying the then current salary of each justice or judge by the percentage by which the figure representing the California consumer price index as compiled and reported by the California Department of Industrial Relations has increased in the previous calendar year."

The judges named in 68200 to 68202 include the Chief Justice of California, associate justices of the Supreme Court, justices of courts of appeal, superior court judges and municipal court judges.

Assembly Bill 3844, enacted as Chapter 1183, Statutes of 1976, amends Government Code 68203 to freeze judicial salaries (for all but justice court judges) at the September 1, 1976, level (as reflected in this survey) until July 1, 1978, at which time judicial salaries will be increased by the Consumer Price Index (cost of living) for the preceding calendar year (1977) but not to exceed 5 per cent. Annual adjustments per this formula will thereafter be made on July 1 of each year.

Maryland: Maryland Code, Courts and Judicial Proceedings, § 1-703, 1974, Pay Plan: Automatic Salary Increases, provides:

"(a) Pay plan. — Section 27, Article 64A of the Code applies to judicial salaries, except for its provisions authorizing emergency salary increases with approval of the Board of Public Works.

"(b) Automatic salary increases. — Whenever a general salary increase is awarded to state employees, each judge shall receive the same percentage increase in his salary as awarded to the lowest step of the highest salary grade for classified employees in the state salary plan."

"The personnel administrator shall annually determine the percentum difference between the average cost of living for the next preceding calendar year and the average cost of living for the calendar year next preceding the calendar year during which the weekly rates prescribed in the above salary schedule were last revised, both as shown by the United States Consumer Price Index for such years, and shall prepare and submit to the general court a report of such determination within a reasonable time after said Index for the next preceding calendar year has become available. Whenever such determination indicates a percentum increase or decrease of at least three percentum, such report shall be accompanied by a recommendation for legislation to provide a corresponding percentum increase or decrease in the salaries of all employees in the service of the commonwealth and paid from the treasury thereof ... Whenever such determination indicates a percentum increase of at least three percentum, as hereinbefore described, such report shall be accompanied by a recommendation of legislation to provide a corresponding percentum increase in the salaries of the chief justice and associate justices of the supreme judicial court, the appeals court, the superior court and the municipal court of the city of Boston, the judges and associate judges of the land court, the chief judge and the judges of probate and insolvency, the chief justice and the justices of the district courts other than the municipal court of the city of Boston, the justices and special justices of the Boston Juvenile Court, the justices of the Worcester, Bristol County and Springfield juvenile courts, and special justices of the district courts, including the municipal court of the city of Boston, such increase to take effect as of the beginning of the first payroll period of the year in which such report is submitted."

**Rhode Island:** Personnel Rules and Regulations of the State of Rhode Island provide:

Judges as well as all other court personnel are entitled to longevity increments. Longevity after seven years 5%, after eleven years 10%, after fifteen years 15%, after twenty-five years 20%.

Tennessee: Tennessee Code Annotated, § 8-2303, 1973, as amended (Supp 1975) provides:

"Beginning September 1, 1974, the compensation of judges and chancellors shall be the base salaries fixed in this law adjusted to reflect the percentage of change in the per capita personal income of the State of Tennessee, as defined and published by the United States department of commerce, between that of the calendar year 1970 and the calendar year next preceding September 1 of the year for which the salaries are to be paid. The adjustments shall occur on September 1, 1974 and on September 1 of every year thereafter for the ensuing year commencing September 1."

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