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FOREWORD

This is the second quarterly survey of judicial salaries in state court systems published by the National Center for State Courts. The National Center will continually maintain this data on a current basis so that any state court system desiring information between quarterly issues can contact the National Center directly for the latest changes. This second issue should reflect substantial changes in judicial salaries due to the close of a busy legislative session in most states.

In this issue, the section dealing with judicial salaries in courts of limited and special jurisdiction is divided into seven categories on a jurisdictional basis, which is self-explanatory.

In Appendix I we have listed all pending legislation which could affect judicial salaries on a state by state basis. Appendix II indicates those states which provide for "floating" judicial salaries on the consumer price index or other cost of living adjusters. Appendix III, which was included in the first issue of the salary survey and dealt with the Economic Stabilization Act, has been omitted from this issue due to the expiration of the Act on April 30, 1974 and no new controls being imposed.

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Although we have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the survey data, and have verified each state's figures with the appropriate Court Administrator or Chief Justice, some errors may occur, and we would very much appreciate notification of any inaccuracies, omissions or further pending legislation which would affect the status of judicial salaries in your state. All such information or suggestions should be forwarded directly to:

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State	Highest Court		State Court Administrator	Intermediate Appellate Court	General Trial Court
	C.J.	A.J.			
Alabama	22,500* *1/1/75 to	22,500* 33,500	19,500	C.C.A. 22,000 C.A. 22,000* *1/1/75 to 33,000	State 18,000* Local supps. 0-40% of state pd. salary** *1/1/75 base goes to 25,000 **Depending on size of county
Alaska	44,000	44,000	40,000		S.C. 40,000
Arizona	32,000 37,000* *1/6/75	32,000 37,000* *1/6/75	30,240	30,000 35,000* * 1/6/75	S.C. 28,000 Comm. 22,400 * 1/6/75 33,000* 26,400*
Arkansas	30,000	27,500	21,500		C.C. 25,000 Ch.C. 25,000

Key to Abbreviations:

Judges: C.J. & P.J. - Chief or Presiding Judge  
Comm. - Commissioners  
A.J. - Associates  
C. - Chancellor  
V.C. - Vice Chancellor

Courts: Sup. Ct. - Supreme Court  
C.C.A. - Court of Criminal Appeals  
C.A. - Court of Appeals  
C.C. - Circuit Court  
Co.C. - County Court  
S.C. - Superior Court  
D.C. - District Court  
Ch.C. - Chancery Court  
C.P. - Court of Common Pleas

State	Highest Court		State Court Administrator	Intermediate Appellate Court	General Trial Court	
	C.J.	A.J.				
California	51,155* * 9/1/74 to 54,841	48,147* *9/1/74 to 51,615	45,504	45,139* *9/1/74 to 48,389	S.C. * 9/1/74 to 40,322	37,615*
Colorado	37,500	35,000	32,000	C.J. 32,500 A.J. 32,000	D.C.	28,000
Connecticut	40,000	36,000	38,000* * Ct. Admin. is also a Sup. Ct. A.J.		S.C.: C.J. A.J.	35,000 34,500
Delaware	38,500* *7/1/75 to 42,500	38,000* *7/1/75 to 42,000	25,000-31,000		S.C.: P.J. * 7/1/75 to 39,500 A.J. * 7/1/75 to 39,000 Ch.C.: C. * 7/1/75 to 39,500 V.C. * 7/1/75 to 39,000	35,500* 35,000* 35,500* 35,000*

State	Highest Court		State Court Administrator	Intermediate Appellate Court	General Trial Court	
	C.J.	A.J.				
Florida	36,000* *1/1/75 to 40,000	36,000* *1/1/75 to 40,000	32,000	34,000* * 1/1/75 to 38,000	C.C. * 1/1/75 to 36,000	32,000*
Georgia	40,000	40,000	30,000	39,500	S.C. Local supps. to	32,500 12,100
Hawaii	33,880	32,670	22,670		C.C. D.C.	30,250 24,200
Idaho	30,000	30,000	27,000		D.C.	27,000
Illinois	42,500	42,500	40,000	40,000	Judges Supp. A. Judges Supp. * Du Page and Cook County Supplement	30,000 7,500* 23,500 4,500*
Indiana	29,500 Subsistence all. 3,000	29,500	24,000	29,500 Subsistence all. 3,000 Ct. Admin. 19,800	C.C. + S.C. County supps. to 400	21,500-26,500

State	Highest Court		State Court Administrator	Intermediate Appellate Court	General Trial Court	
	C.J.	A.J.			D.C.	
Iowa	34,000	33,000	22,000		D.C.:	
					C.J.	29,500
					A.J.	29,000
Kansas	29,500* *1/13/75 to 35,000	28,000* *1/13/75 to 32,500 Comm. 27,500* *1/13/75 to 32,000	23,500* * 1/13/75 to 27,500		D.C.	23,500*
					Local supps.	1,266
					* 1/13/75 base to 27,500	
					Local supps. 1,266-2,532	
Kentucky	31,500	27,500	26,000			26,000
Louisiana	37,500	37,500	28,000	35,000	D.C. base	20,500
					Supp. outside New Orleans	16,922
					New Orleans supp.	15,200
Maine	27,500	26,000	21,000		S.C.	25,500

State	Highest Court		State Court Administrator	Intermediate Appellate Court		General Trial Court	
	C.J.	A.J.		C.J.	A.J.		
Maryland	43,800	42,800	38,000	C.J. 41,200 A.J. 40,100		C.C.	38,000
Massachusetts	42,236	40,788	30,691	C.J. 39,220 A.J. 37,771		S.C.: C.J. A.J.	37,771 36,203
Michigan	42,000* See App. I	Comm. 26,599 to 32,698	37,751		41,961	C.C. Local supps. up to D.C. Local supps. up to	26,500 15,259 21,500 12,500
Minnesota	40,000	36,500	32,000			D.C. D.C. Others * Ramsey, Hennepin, St. Louis Counties	33,500* 32,000
Mississippi	35,000	34,500				C.C. Ch.C.	30,000 30,000
Missouri	31,500	31,500	21,000		30,000	C.C.	28,000



State	Highest Court		State Court Administrator	Intermediate Appellate Court	General Trial Court
	C.J.	A.J.			
Montana	28,000	27,000			D.C. 25,000
Nebraska	30,500* *1/1/75 to 35,500	30,500* *1/1/75 to 35,500	22,500* *1/1/75 to 25,000		D.C. 27,500 Local supps 1,500* * where pop. over 150,000 1/1/75 to 32,500 - same supplement
Nevada	28,000* *1/1/75 to 35,000	28,000* *1/1/75 to 35,000			D.C. 24,000* *1/1/75 to 30,000
New Hampshire	32,700* *FY 75 to 34,008	32,500* *FY 75 to 33,800			S.C. C.J. 32,600 FY 75 33,904 A.J. 32,400 FY 75 33,696
New Jersey	50,500	48,000	37,770 - 50,993	S.C.A.D. 45,000	S.C. (assignment judges) 43,000 S.C. 40,000 Co.C. 40,000 Standing Master 35,971 - 48,564*  *Superior Court

State	Highest Court		State Court Administrator	Intermediate Appellate Court	General Trial Court		
	C.J.	A.J.					
New Mexico	29,500	29,500	23,900	28,000	D.C.	27,000	
New York	63,143	60,575	57,000	<u>1st &amp; 2nd Depts.</u>		<u>1st &amp; 2nd Departments</u>	
				P.J.	55,266	48,998*	
				A.J.	51,627		
				<u>3rd &amp; 4th Depts.</u>		<u>3rd &amp; 4th Departments</u>	
				P.J.	55,266	48,998*	
				A.J.	51,267	*above figures include local supplements	
North Carolina	39,000	38,000	32,500	C.J.	36,500	S.C.	30,500
				A.J.	35,500		
North Dakota	28,500	28,000	20,000			D.C.	26,000
Ohio	43,500	40,000	31,000		37,000	C.P. Probate	23,500-34,000 23,500-34,000
Oklahoma	30,000	30,000	24,360		26,000	Dist. Judge	25,000
	C.C.A.	C.C.A.				Assoc. Dist. Judge*	16,500-23,000
	30,000	30,000				* Based on population	

State	Highest Court		State Court Administrator	Intermediate Appellate Court	General Trial Court
	C.J.	A.J.			
Oregon	32,000	32,000	30,000	31,000	C.C. 29,000
Pennsylvania	52,500	50,000	42,500	S.C.: P.J. 49,500* A.J. 48,000* *same salary for commonwealth ct.	C.C.P.: P.J. 40,500 to 42,500* J. 40,000 * depends on size of county
Rhode Island	34,000	33,000	16,952 - 19,328* * 7/1/75 to 19,604 - 22,360		S.C.: P.J. 32,000 A.J. 31,000
South Carolina	41,730	36,380	28,000		C.C. 36,380
South Dakota	29,000	28,000	20,000		P. Cir. J. 27,000 Cir. J. 26,000
Tennessee	25,000* *9/1/74 to 41,600	24,000* *9/1/74 to 38,400	20,000* * 9/1/74 to 35,200	P.J. 21,000* *9/1/74 to 36,480 A.J. 20,000* *9/1/74 to 35,200 same figures for C.C.A.	C.C.: Ch.C. 17,500* * 9/1/74 to 32,000

State	Highest Court		State Court Administrator	Intermediate Appellate Court	General Trial Court	
	C.J.	A.J.				
Texas	40,500 C.C.A. - 40,500	40,000 C.C.A. - 40,000		C.J. 35,500 A.J. 35,000 Local supps. to 4,000	D.C. state salary Local supps. up to	25,000 13,000
Utah	24,00	24,000	22,000		D.C.	22,000
Vermont	31,400	29,900	25,750		S.C.: P.J. J. A.J.	26,800 25,800 per day \$25
Virginia	41,300* *7/1/75 to 42,300	40,300* *7/1/75 to 41,300	29,126		D.C. Base Supplement * 7/1/75 to 31,350	29,900* 600 - 11,700
Washington	34,825	34,825	25,650	31,650	S.C. Pro Tem J. Pro Tem Atty.	28,500 \$68 per day \$114 per day

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	C.J.	A.J.			
West Virginia	32,500	32,500			C.C. 26,000 - 28,000
Wisconsin	44,292	39,726	35,000		C.C. State pay 26,296 Local supps. to 9,288
Wyoming	30,000	30,000			27,500
Puerto Rico	27,500	27,500	22,900		S.C. 22,900 D.C. 17,000
Washington, D.C.			40,000* *U.S. Court Admin.	38,750* * Court of Appeals	S.C. 36,000

NOTE: 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 A) Juvenile B) Domestic	Probate Courts (PC) Surrogate Crts. (SC)	Justice Courts (JC) Justice of the Peace (JP)	County Courts	Circuit or District Crts. (CC or DC)	Municipal Crts. (MC) Police Crts. (PC)	Common Plea Courts
Alabama		Fees + Salary		Justice Cts. 10,000		Recorders Cts. up to 22,800	Inferior Cts. 300 - 31,500* *Judges receiv- ing 300/yr. receive add. fees & salary as Probate Judges
Alaska				magistrates* *set by Sup.Ct.	D.C. 33,500		
Arizona			J.C. 5,100 - 14,000* *1/6/75 6,000-15,000			P.C. 300-31,722 Based on pop.	Ct. Admin. for counties 16,300 - 23,118
Arkansas			J.P. fees in civil cases - small salary (\$100-200 mo. for criminal cases)	3,000-5,000 pop.		M.C. 2,400 to 22,500 P.C. 1,200 to 3,600 City Court 1,200 to 3,600	100-900 based on cases* *this ct. is presided over by the Cnty. Judge who re- ceives this in add. to his regular salary

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California			J.C. 1,200 - 32,005			34,605* *9/1/74 to 37,098	
Colorado	J.C. 28,000 S.C. (Domestic) 28,000	28,000		Denver-25,000 Others 2,500- 25,000		M.C. 500 to 30,000	
Connecticut	J.C.: C.J. 32,500 A.J. 28,500	Fees up to 34,500			C.C.: C.J. 28,500 A.J. 26,500		C.J. 32,500 A.J. 28,500
Delaware	Family Court: C.J. 34,500* A.J. 34,000** *7/1/75 to 38,500 **7/1/75 to 38,000		J.P. 10,000			M.C. Wilmington C.J. 27,000 A.J. 26,000 A.J. 11,400* * part-time	C.J. 34,500 A.J. 34,000



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Florida				Pop. less than 40,000: 24,000 Pop. more than 40,000: 32,000 1/1/75 2,000 increase		Varies	
Georgia	J.C. 30,500* * Counties over 500,000		J.P. fees	8,000-25,000* * depends on county. All cts. called State Court of ___ Cnty.		Augusta: C.J. 11,200 A.J. 9,700 City Courts: 4,600- 15,000	Civil Court: 30,000 (Fulton) 16,000 (Troup)
Hawaii					D.C. 24,200		
Idaho						Magistrates Lawyers full-time 20,000 part-time 10,000-12,000 Lay full-time 10,000-14,500 pt.-time 8,000- 9,000	

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Illinois							
Indiana	J.C. 21,500- 26,500* *Depends on pop. of cnty.	21,500 - 26,500*	J.P. fees up to 7,500		Criminal Crt. 21,500- 26,500	Marion County 24,500 Magistrates Ct. 600- 2,200*	
Iowa					D.A.J. 21,000	Magistrates full-time 21,000 part-time 5,160	
Kansas	J.C. 19,518- 20,591* Depends on cnty *1/13/75 to 23,374-30,032	5,592- 26,032* Depends on cnty. *1/13/75 to 9,000-30,032		No. of cases filed: Less than 250-25% of probate judge salary Each addit. 250 - 5%		City Courts: 3,780 to 5,700* * 1/13/75 3,780 to 8,400 Magistrate Cts. 8,014 to 20,500* *1/13/75 8,455 to 23,374	

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Kentucky		up to 14,300	J.C. 3,600 If qualified as fiscal officers an additional 3,120			P.C. 1st class cities 25,000 2nd class cities 21,500	Quarterly Courts: up to 14,300
Louisiana	J.C. State Sal. 20,500 supp. to 13,500* *depends on size of cnty.		Parish Court Jefferson 33,000 J.P. fees			New Orleans: M.C. 18,000 Traffic Ct. (N.O.) 18,000 City Courts 3,600 to 22,500 depends on pop. + fees	
Maine		4,500 - 10,900			D.C. C.J. 24,000 A.J. 23,000		

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Maryland	Orphans Court Pt.-time: salaried - 500 to 18,500 others - 8 to 19.50 per day				D.C. C.J. 40,100 A.J. 32,200		
Massachusetts	J.C. Boston-31,738 Others-26,549* *will go to 30,168 if Gov. signs bill	P.C. C.J. 32,944 A.J. 31,738 Part-time* 11,343 *1 pt.-time J.		Hampden Cnty. Housing Ct. 36,203 City of Boston Housing Ct. J. 34,089 A.J. 31,580	D.C. C.J. 31,738 A.J. 30,168 Part-time 9,171 to 12,189 spec. per diem \$61	Boston C.J. 31,738 A.J. 30,168	Land Court 36,203
Michigan		7,058 to 35,789* *some pt. time		Recorders Ct. Detroit-40,157		Pt. time 5,000 to 20,000	Detroit 31,873
Minnesota		33,500* *Hennepin and Ramsey Counties only	J.P. fees* *extremely limited duties	23,500* *Not learned in the law 27,500-29,000* *learned in the law		6,000 - 29,000	

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Mississippi			J.P. fees	6,500 - 17,500			
Missouri		16,200-28,000* *based on pop.			St. Louis Ct. of Criminal Corrections 26,000	Magistrate 16,200-22,400* *based on pop.	
Montana			J.P. fees			P.C. up to 5,400 based on pop.	
Nebraska	J.C. 27,500 Supp. 1,500* *Pop. over 150,000 1/1/75 base to 32,500	20,000 - 27,500 based on pop. Assoc. up to 15,000				M.C. 24,500 1/1/75 to 29,500	Workmen's Comp. Ct. 25,500 1/1/75 to 30,500

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Nevada			J.C. set locally			set locally	
New Hampshire		P.C. 10,920- 11,357			D.C. 2,900- 24,000	150 - 5,100* * by ordinance	
New Jersey	Juv. & Dom. Rel. Cts. 40,000			Cnty. District Cts. 37,000		up to 25,000	
New Mexico		1 - 3,960		Magistrate Ct. 3,800 - 16,500		Albuquerque only 20,000	Small Claim Ct 8,000 (one onl.
New York	Dom. Rel. NYC 42,451 Other 30,075-48,998* *Min. salary will be 36,000 on 1/1/75	S.C. NYC 48,998 Others 32,075-48,998* *Min. salary will be 36,000 on 1/1/75	J.C. varies	32,075-48,998* *Min. salary will be 36,000 on 1/1/75	Nassau Cty. D.C. P.J. 44,500 A.J. 42,000 Suffolk Cty. P.J. 44,500 A.J. 42,000	NYC Civil Ct. 42,451 NYC Crim. Ct. 42,451	Ct. of Claim P.J. 50,722 A.J. 48,998

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North Carolina					D.C. C.J. 24,500 A.J. 23,500		
North Dakota			Cnty. J.C. - up to 5,000	Of increased jurisdiction: 12,500-17,000 Others: 6,600 to 9,500			
Ohio				8,000		M.C. 21,000- 30,000 Part-time 8,000	
Oklahoma	Oklahoma has special courts manned by District Judges who receive only expenses. Courts of Tax Review and Bank Review.					set locally by ordinance	St. Indust. Ct 25,000
Oregon			J.P. up to 10,030	3,000-11,700	D.C. 26,000		Tax Court 29,000

Courts of Limited and Special Jurisdiction

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Pennsylvania			J.P. 7,500 - 16,500* *excluding Philadelphia depending on magisterial district size			Philadelphia Atty. Judges: P.J. 36,500 A.J. 35,000 Lay Judges: 18,500 Traffic Ct. P.J. 19,500 A.J. 18,500		
Rhode Island	Dom. Rel. C.J. 32,000 A.J. 31,000	P.C. up to 11,440 Probate judges are pt.-time			D.C. C.J. 29,250 A.J. 28,520			
South Carolina	Family Ct. set locally* * see pending	P.C. set locally*	legislation section for impact on courts of limited and special jurisdiction				M.C. set locally*	



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South Dakota	Municipal Judges and District County Courts have been eliminated via judicial article effective 1/7/75				1974: 18,000	1974: M.C.J. 18,000	Law trained magistrate: max. 20,000
Tennessee	J.C. set locally	Ctny. Probate Cts. set locally		Gen. Sessions Ct. 1,800 to 17,500 9/1/74 to 33,333 (upper limit)		set locally	
Texas* *all set locally	Same as Dist. Ct. in county for Juv. & Dom. Relations		J.P. 11.00 to 23,928	"Constitutional" 1,688- 31,800 Civil, Crim., Crim. Appeals, Statutory: 10,500-27,600		M.C. 300-17,376	
Utah	J.C. 22,000		J.P. deter- mined by city comm., town council, etc. Fee system abolished in 1971			City Cts. set by city ordinance 13,000-19,800	

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Vermont		5,700-21,600			D.C. P.J. 23,700 A.J. 22,700		
Virginia	Juv. & Dom. Rel. D.C. 26,910* + local supp. *7/1/75 to 28,215				Gen. D.C. 26,910* *7/1/75 to 28,215 + local supps.		
Washington			J.P. based on pop. If Jus- tice receives more than 15,000 is con- sidered full- time		D.C. 23,250	Seattle-27,000 Other 9,000	
West Virginia*	Dom. Rel. and J.C. 10,500- 26,000				Intermediate cts. 10,500- 26,000	Criminal Courts 10,500 - 26,000	10,500-26,000

\* Salaries here vary from county to county. No judge of these courts may receive a salary in excess of the minimum annual salary of a circuit judge (26,000).

State	Family Courts A) Juvenile B) Domestic	Probate Courts (PC) Surrogate Crts. (SC)	Justice Courts (JC) Justice of the Peace (JP)	County Courts	Circuit or District Crts. (CC or DC)	Municipal Crts. (MC) Police Crts. (PC)	Common Plea Courts
Wisconsin				State pay: 12,060 County pay: 12,060 local supps. up to 10,480. *See Appendix I for limita- tions		set locally	
Wyoming* *Office of Constable abolished effective 1/1/75			J.P. 1,600-4,800 FY 75 (1/1/75) 2,500-7,200			set locally	
Puerto Rico			6,000				

APPENDIX I

States in which there is pending or anticipated legislation with respect to judicial salaries.

- 1) Arkansas: The Arkansas Bar Association and the State Judicial Council will sponsor a bill in the next General Assembly which convenes in January of 1975 for the following salaries.

	1975-1976	1976-1977
Supreme Court		
C.J.	32,500	34,300
A.J.	30,000	31,800
Circuit Court	27,500	29,150
Chancery Court	27,500	29,150
Executive Secretary of the Judicial Department	27,500	29,150

- 2) Florida: Legislation was passed in the 1974 legislative session establishing the salaries noted effective 1/1/75.
- 3) Illinois: H.B. 2518 currently pending in the present legislative session would increase the Supreme Court to \$50,000. The Appellate Court to \$45,000; the Court Administrator to \$45,000; all Circuit Judges to \$42,500 and all Associate Circuit Judges to \$37,000. The bill has passed the House and is before the Senate for consideration.
- 4) Kansas: Substantial judicial increases were approved by the legislature in April 1974. The new salaries become effective on January 13, 1975.
- 5) Louisiana: Legislation to raise judicial salaries was defeated in the 1974 legislative session.

- 6) Michigan: It is hoped that the Michigan legislature will pass legislation under which the state will assume all costs of the District Court. The legislation provides that judicial salaries for these courts will be set at a uniform \$34,000 with local supplements forbidden. This would be the beginning of state financing of all courts.

\* As concerns Supreme Court justices salaries, the State Officers Compensation Commission has approved an increase to \$43,500 of the justices salaries. This has yet to receive final approval by the legislature.

- 7) New Jersey: It is anticipated legislation for increasing judicial salaries will be submitted this fall.
- 8) South Carolina: A special Judicial System Study Committee created by an Act of the South Carolina General Assembly to recommend legislation to implement the new Judicial Article of the Constitution has recommended the establishment of District Courts divided into six divisions as follows: (1) civil, (2) criminal, (3) family, (4) equity, (5) traffic, and (6) probate.

The District Courts will eliminate the courts of limited and special jurisdiction noted in Part II Salaries. The Committee further recommends that the new court system be put into effect by July 1, 1976 and be state financed.

Legislation to carry out the Committee's recommendations was introduced during the 1974 session of the General Assembly. No action was taken on the legislation. It will be reintroduced at the convening of the General Assembly in January 1975.

- 9) South Dakota: There is no legislation pending at present but it is anticipated there will be an inflationary increase in judicial salaries, i.e. cost of living raises.
- 10) Tennessee: A new salary structure becomes effective September 1, 1974. The salaries of Tennessee judges will, in the future, be determined by a cost of living formula and will be annually adjusted (See Appendix II).
- 11) Utah: There is presently no pending legislation on the subject of judicial salaries. The Utah State Bar and the Court Administrator's Office have set as their first priority the drafting of a judicial salary bill for presentation at the next legislative session.

APPENDIX II

12) Vermont: The Vermont office of the State Court Administrator is going to introduce legislation to amend 32 V.S.A. §100 3(c). The legislation seeks to vest the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court with the authority to fix the compensation of judicial officers within prescribed ranges. The legislation would also provide the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court with \$1,500 more than any other judicial officer and the Chief Superior Judge and Chief District Judge with \$1,000 more than any other judicial officer under their respective jurisdictions.

\*13) Wisconsin: The maximum salary limitations for circuit and county judges are as follows:

\$33,500 through December 31, 1974 and \$34,500 for the period January 1, 1975 through December 31, 1975, barring any intervening group reassignments which may occur. State pay and local supplements combined cannot exceed those limitations.

Floating Salary Statutes.

California, Maryland, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Tennessee all provide for judicial salary increases based on floating indices as per capita income increases and the consumer price index. The statutory formulae for these salary increases follow.

The California Government Code §6203 provides:

"Salary increases; formula. On September 1, 1968, and on September 1 of each fourth year thereafter the salary of each justice and judge named in Sections 68200 and 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 per capita personal income in California as compiled and reported by the United States Department of Commerce has increased between the calendar year which precedes September 1 of the fourth year preceding the designated date of adjustment and the calendar year which immediately precedes the designated date of adjustment.

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.

27 Maryland Code §47 Salaries of Judges provides:

"From and after July 1, 1972, the salaries of the judges of the Court of Appeals, the Court of Special Appeals, the circuit courts of the several counties, the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City and the District Court shall be as provided in the State budget. Whenever there is a general salary increase awarded to State employees, the said judges shall receive the same percentage increase as is awarded to the minimum step of the highest salary grade for classified employees in the State salary plan. Any general salary increase awarded to State employees in the budget bill enacted at the 1972 session of the General Assembly shall not be applicable to and shall not inure to the benefit of the judges. Any proposed increases in the salaries of judges subsequent to July 1, 1972,

shall not be included in that portion of the budget for the judicial department but shall be included in that portion of the budget for the executive department and shall be subject to legislative review and approval."

Massachusetts General Laws Annotated Chapter 30 §46 provides:

"The director of personnel and standardization 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."

Pennsylvania:

S.B. No. 1651 introduced April 23, 1974 provides; Section 1.

(a) "All employees of the Commonwealth shall be entitled to receive, as additional compensation, a cost of living allowance as provided in this section. The amount of the cost of living allowance shall be determined on the basis of the 'Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers' published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor (1957-1959=100). . . .

(b) For the purposes of determining the cost-of-living allowance the base rate of compensation of each office or other position shall be the salary or wage rate provided by law for such office on January 1, 1973. . . ."

. . . Effective with the first pay period beginning more than thirty day's after such publication and continuing until the next annual readjustment under this act each Commonwealth employee shall receive, with respect to each element of salary or other compensation payable to such employee, a cost of living allowance equal to (i) the product of the base rate for such office or position. Where an office or position is included in a formal system of job classification and pay ranges, the cost-of-living allowance shall be added to the base rate for the position and the pay rate of the employee shall be rounded up or down to the nearest established pay range and step.

(c) As used in this act, the term "Commonwealth employee" includes all employees, elected and appointed officers and other persons who receive direct compensation from the Commonwealth for services rendered."

Rhode Island:

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 Code Annotated §8-2303 provides:

"Beginning September 1, 1970, the compensation of judges and chancellors shall be as follows:

The chief justice of the Supreme Court shall receive twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) per annum; associate justices of the Supreme Court shall each receive twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) per annum; the presiding judge of the Court of Appeals and presiding judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals shall receive twenty-one thousand dollars (\$21,000) per annum; judges of the Court of Appeals and Court of Criminal Appeals shall each receive twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) per annum; chancellors, circuit court judges and criminal judges shall each receive seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500) per annum.

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. The base salaries per year shall be as follows:

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$32,500).

Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000).

Presiding Judge of the Court of Appeals and Presiding Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$28,500).

Associate Judges of the Court of Appeals and Court of Criminal Appeals, twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$27,500).

Circuit Judges, Criminal Judges and chancellors, twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000).

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