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 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Salary Increase for Appellate Court Judges		

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 Provides for salaries of judges as recommended by the Judicial Compensation Commission. (gov sig)

Proposed law increases salaries for appellate court justices statewide by 1.5% in addition to the 2.1% increase as outlined in LA R.S. 13:50(1). Proposed law shall only become effective to the extent any salary increases are appropriated within the judicial expense budget provided in HB 616 of the 2016 Regular Session.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of action as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the LA Constitution.

EXPENDITURES	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$175,204	\$178,883	\$178,883	\$178,883	\$178,883	\$890,736
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$175,204	\$178,883	\$178,883	\$178,883	\$178,883	\$890,736

REVENUES	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law would increase expenditures related to funding salaries of appellate judges for the Judiciary by \$175,204 in FY 17 and by \$178,883 in FY 18. This bill allows all appellate court judges to receive a 1.5% salary increase, as recommended by the Judicial Compensation Commission, in addition to the 2.1% salary increase outlined in LA R.S. 13:50. This bill shall only become effective to the extent any salary increases are appropriated within the judicial expense provided in HB 616 of the 2016 Regular Session.

Currently there are 5 chief appellate court justices and 48 appellate court justices, a total of 53 justices statewide with a total combined salary and related benefits cost of \$11.44 M. Chief justices currently receive a base salary of \$149,762 in FY 16 and all other appellate court justices receive a base salary of \$142,059. In addition, all appellate court judges receive an annual salary supplement pursuant to LA R.S. 13:10.3, which currently totals \$12,000. The annual supplement increases the annual salaries to \$161,792 for chief appellate justices and to \$154,059 for all other appellate court justices in FY 16. Total FY 16 salaries and related benefits for each chief appellate justice is \$225,577. FY 16 salaries and related benefits for each appellate court justice is \$214,835. Total combined salary and benefits statewide for all appellate court justices totals approximately \$11.44 M (\$225,577 * 5 chief appellate justices + \$214,835 * 48 appellate justices).

The total increase in expenditures of \$175,204 associated with personal services is derived from subtracting the current statutorily obligated increase from the statutorily obligated increase plus the 1.5% raise outlined in the proposed legislation. Present law increases total personal services expenditures by \$240,240 (\$11.44 M * 2.1%), from \$11.44 M to \$11.68 M. Multiplying the current year expenditures of \$11.44 M by 1.5% as outlined in this bill increases expenditures by \$171,160, up to \$11.61 M. By further increasing personal services expenditures by an additional 2.1%, the total cost for FY 16 increases by \$243,843, from \$11.61 M to \$11.86 M. Subtracting the expenditure total inclusive of the 2.1% increase (approximately \$11.68 M) from the expenditure total inclusive of both the 1.5% and 2.1% increases (approximately \$11.86 M) yields an increase of \$175,204 (\$11.86 M - \$11.68 M) in personal services expenses pursuant to this bill.

In addition, appellate court justices are entitled to another 2.1% salary increase in FY 18. 2.1% growth of the \$175,204 in personal services expenditures for FY 17 would total \$3,679, increasing the cost of this bill in FY 18 and subsequent fiscal years to \$178,883.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}	<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	

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