

2019 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 27

BY SENATOR MARTINY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:50, relative to certain judicial salaries; to provide for salary
3 increases for judges of the supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, city
4 courts, and parish courts as recommended by the Judicial Compensation
5 Commission; to provide certain terms and conditions; and to provide for related
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 13:50 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §50. Salary as recommended by the Judicial Compensation Commission

10 Pursuant to the Judicial Compensation Commission's report dated ~~January 9,~~

11 ~~2013~~ **January 9, 2018**:

12 (1)(a) ~~Effective July 1, 2013, the actual salary of the judges of the supreme~~
13 ~~court, courts of appeal, and district courts shall be increased as follows:~~

14 (i) ~~Supreme court - five and one-half percent.~~

15 (ii) ~~Courts of appeal - three and seven-tenths percent.~~

16 (iii) ~~District courts - four percent.~~

17 (b) ~~The actual salary of the judges of the supreme court, courts of appeal, and~~

1 ~~district courts shall be increased by two and one-tenth percent on July first of 2014,~~
2 ~~2015, 2016, and 2017.~~

3 ~~(2)(a) Effective July 1, 2013, the state-paid actual salary of the judges of city~~
4 ~~courts and parish courts shall be increased by four percent.~~

5 ~~(b) The state-paid actual salary of the judges of city courts and parish courts~~
6 ~~shall be increased by two and one-tenth percent on July first of 2014, 2015, 2016,~~
7 ~~and 2017.~~

8 **Subject to the provisions of Paragraph (3) of this Section, the actual**
9 **salary of the judges of the supreme court, courts of appeal, and district courts**
10 **shall be increased by two and one-half percent on July first of 2019, 2020, 2021,**
11 **2022, and 2023.**

12 **(2) Subject to the provisions of Paragraph (3) of this Section, the state-**
13 **paid actual salary of the judges of city courts and parish courts shall be**
14 **increased by two and one-half percent on July first of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022,**
15 **and 2023.**

16 **(3)(a) The salary increases authorized by Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this**
17 **Section shall be contingent upon approval prior to each July first by the**
18 **Louisiana Supreme Court and the Louisiana Judicial Budgetary Control Board,**
19 **after each has made a determination that the judiciary has sufficient funding**
20 **from the state and other sources to fund the salary increases prior to approving**
21 **the increases.**

22 **(b) Any salary increase authorized pursuant to this Section for Fiscal**
23 **Year 2020 shall be funded by the judiciary.**

24 **(4) Effective July 1, 2020, any local or state official eligible for**
25 **compensation pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 13:5521 shall not be eligible for**
26 **a salary increase pursuant to the provisions of this Section for that same fiscal**
27 **year.**

28 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by governor or, if not
29 signed by governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 3 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument was prepared by Xavier Alexander. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Martha Hess.

DIGEST

SB 27 Reengrossed

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Present law provides relative to judicial compensation and salaries for the years 2013 through 2017.

Proposed law provides that the actual salary of the judges of the supreme courts, courts of appeal, and district courts shall be increased by 2.5% on July 1st of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Proposed law provides that the state-paid salary of city court and parish court judges shall be increased by 2.5% on July 1st of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Proposed law provides that such increases shall be contingent upon approval prior to each July first by the Louisiana Supreme Court and the Louisiana Judicial Budgetary Control Board, after each determines that the judiciary has sufficient funding from the state and other sources to fund the salary increases prior to approving the increases. Further provides that any salary increase authorized pursuant to proposed law for 2020 shall be funded by the judiciary.

Proposed law also provides that effective July 1, 2020, any local or state official eligible for compensation under present law concerning compensation for sheriffs shall not be eligible for a salary increase pursuant to the proposed law for the same fiscal year.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 13:50)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill

1. Provides that the Louisiana Supreme Court and the Louisiana Judicial Budgetary Control Board must determine that the judiciary has sufficient funding from the state and other sources to fund salary increases prior to approving salary increases.
2. Changed the Fiscal Year from 2019 to 2020 for the salary increases which will be funded by the judiciary.