

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 747

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBBY CARTER

JUDGES: Provides with respect to judicial compensation

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 for the funding of salary increases; to provide relative to
6 eligibility for salary increases for certain local and state officials; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

11 Pursuant to the Judicial Compensation Commission's report dated ~~January 9,~~
12 ~~2018~~ January 10, 2024:

13 (1) Subject to the provisions of Paragraph ~~(3)~~ (5) of this Section, the actual
14 salary of the judges of the supreme court, ~~courts of appeal, and district courts shall~~
15 ~~be increased by two and one-half percent on July first of 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and~~
16 ~~2023~~ shall be increased by fifteen thousand two hundred eighty dollars on July 1,
17 2024, with a four percent increase on July first of 2025, 2026, and 2027.

18 (2) Subject to the provisions of Paragraph (5) of this Section, the actual
19 salary of the judges of the courts of appeal shall be increased by seventeen thousand

1 six hundred eighty dollars on July 1, 2024, with a four percent increase on July first
2 of 2025, 2026, and 2027.

3 (3) Subject to the provisions of Paragraph (5) of this Section, the actual
4 salary of the judges of the district courts shall be increased by fourteen thousand six
5 hundred ninety-one dollars on July 1, 2024, with a four percent increase on July first
6 of 2025, 2026, and 2027.

7 ~~(2)(4)~~ Subject to the provisions of Paragraph ~~(3)~~ (5) of this Section, the state-
8 paid actual salary of the judges of city courts and parish courts shall be increased by
9 ~~two and one-half~~ eight and forty-five hundredths percent on ~~July first of 2019, 2020,~~
10 ~~2021, 2022, and 2023~~ July 1, 2024, with a four percent increase on July first of 2025,
11 2026, and 2027.

12 ~~(3)(5)(a)~~ The salary increases authorized by Paragraphs (1) ~~and (2)~~ through
13 (4) of this Section shall be contingent upon approval prior to each July first by the
14 Louisiana Supreme Court and the Louisiana Judicial Budgetary Control Board, after
15 each has made a determination that the judiciary has sufficient funding from the state
16 and other sources to fund the salary increases prior to approving the increases.

17 (b) Any salary increase authorized pursuant to this Section for Fiscal Year
18 ~~2020~~ 2024 shall be funded by the judiciary.

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

DIGEST

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HB 747 Original

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Abstract: Provides relative to salaries for judges as recommended by the Judicial Compensation Commission.

Present law provides relative to judicial compensation and salaries for the years 2019 through 2023.

Present 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 through 2023.

Present 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 through 2023.

Proposed law provides that the actual salary of the judges of the supreme court shall be increased by \$15,280 on July 1, 2024, with a 4% increase on July 1st of 2025 through 2027.

Proposed law provides that the actual salary of the judges of the courts of appeal shall be increased by \$17,680 on July 1, 2024, with a 4% increase on July 1st of 2025 through 2027.

Proposed law provides that the actual salary of the judges of the district courts shall be increased by \$14,691 on July 1, 2024, with a 4% increase on July 1st of 2025 through 2027.

Proposed law provides that the state-paid actual salary of the judges of city courts and parish courts shall be increased by 8.45% on July 1, 2024, with a 4% increase on July 1st of 2025 through 2027.

Proposed law changes from Fiscal Year 2020 to Fiscal Year 2024 the requirement that any salary increase be funded by the judiciary.

Present law provides that, effective July 1, 2020, any local or state official eligible for compensation pursuant to present law (R.S. 13:5521) shall not be eligible for a salary increase pursuant to proposed law for the same fiscal year.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 13:50)