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## DIGEST

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HB 324 Reengrossed

2026 Regular Session

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**Abstract:** Provides relative to judicial salaries.

Proposed law provides for the termination of the supplement paid pursuant to and authorized by Section 5 of Act 390 of the 2025 Regular Session on June 30, 2026. However, effective July 1, 2026, proposed law requires the supplement to continue as a cost of living adjustment to salary.

Proposed law requires effective July 1, 2026, after adjustment pursuant to proposed law and subject to the provisions of proposed law, for the actual salary of the judges of the La. Supreme Court, courts of appeal, and district courts and the state-paid actual salary of the judges of the city courts and parish courts to reflect the recommended cost of living adjustment and be increased by the amount recommended by the Judicial Compensation Commission reflecting a total increase of less than 2% for each year since the last increase as follows:

- (1) \$12,129 for the justices of the La. Supreme Court.
- (2) \$11,431 for the judges of the courts of appeal.
- (3) \$10,723 for the judges of the district courts.
- (4) An amount for judges of the city and parish courts that would increase their state-paid salary by the same percentage as district court judges.

Proposed law requires that the cost of living adjustment authorized pursuant to proposed law for Fiscal Year 2026-27 be funded by the judiciary itself upon certification by the La. Supreme Court and the La. Judicial Budgetary Control Board that the judiciary has sufficient reserves to satisfy the obligation.

(Adds R.S. 13:51)

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the engrossed

bill:

1. Removes the cost of living increase to judges' salaries for Fiscal Year 2027-2028 and Fiscal Year 2028-2029.
2. Makes a technical change.