

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 16—COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(ON BEHALF OF THE NEVADA SUPREME COURT)

PREFILED NOVEMBER 16, 2022

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUMMARY—Prescribes the manner for increasing the base salaries of justices of the Nevada Supreme Court and judges of the Nevada Court of Appeals. (BDR 1-434)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to courts; prescribing the manner for increases in the annual base salary of the justices of the Nevada Supreme Court and the judges of the Nevada Court of Appeals; making an appropriation for such increases; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law sets the annual base salary for justices of the Nevada Supreme  
2 Court at \$170,000 and for judges of the Nevada Court of Appeals at \$165,000.  
3 (NRS 2.050, 2A.080) **Sections 1 and 2** of this bill provide for increases in the  
4 annual base salary for justices of the Nevada Supreme Court and judges of the  
5 Nevada Court of Appeals every 6 years based upon the cumulative percentage  
6 increase in the salaries of the classified employees of this State. **Section 2.5** of this  
7 bill makes an appropriation for such increases.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 2.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 2.050 1. Until the first Monday in January ~~[2009,]~~ **2025**, the  
3 justices of the Supreme Court whose terms of office expire on the  
4 first Monday in January ~~[2009]~~ **2025** are entitled to receive an  
5 annual base salary of ~~[\$140,000. From and after]~~ **\$170,000. On** the  
6 first Monday in January ~~[2009,]~~ **2025, the annual base salary must**



1 *be increased by an amount equal to the cumulative percentage*  
2 *increase in the salaries of the classified employees of this State*  
3 *during the immediately preceding 12 years. Every sixth year*  
4 *thereafter, the annual base salary of their successors in office ~~are~~*  
5 *~~entitled to receive an annual base salary of \$170,000.~~ must be*  
6 *increased by an amount equal to the cumulative percentage*  
7 *increase in the salaries of the classified employees of this State*  
8 *during the immediately preceding 6 years.*

9 2. Until the first Monday in January ~~[2011,]~~ 2027, the justices  
10 of the Supreme Court whose terms of office expire on the first  
11 Monday in January ~~[2011]~~ 2027 are entitled to receive an annual  
12 base salary of ~~[\$140,000. From and after]~~ \$170,000. *On the first*  
13 *Monday in January ~~[2011,]~~ 2027, the annual base salary must be*  
14 *increased by an amount equal to the cumulative percentage*  
15 *increase in the salaries of the classified employees of this State*  
16 *during the immediately preceding 12 years. Every sixth year*  
17 *thereafter, the annual base salary of their successors in office ~~are~~*  
18 *~~entitled to receive an annual base salary of \$170,000.~~ must be*  
19 *increased by an amount equal to the cumulative percentage*  
20 *increase in the salaries of the classified employees of this State*  
21 *during the immediately preceding 6 years.*

22 3. Until the first Monday in January ~~[2013,]~~ 2029, the justices  
23 of the Supreme Court whose terms of office expire on the first  
24 Monday in January ~~[2013]~~ 2029 are entitled to receive an annual  
25 base salary of ~~[\$140,000. From and after]~~ \$170,000. *On the first*  
26 *Monday in January ~~[2013,]~~ 2029, the annual base salary must be*  
27 *increased by an amount equal to the cumulative percentage*  
28 *increase in the salaries of the classified employees of this State*  
29 *during the immediately preceding 12 years. Every sixth year*  
30 *thereafter, the annual base salary of their successors in office ~~are~~*  
31 *~~entitled to receive an annual base salary of \$170,000.~~ must be*  
32 *increased by an amount equal to the cumulative percentage*  
33 *increase in the salaries of the classified employees of this State*  
34 *during the immediately preceding 6 years.*

35 4. All salaries provided for in this section are payable in  
36 biweekly installments as other state officers are paid.

37 **Sec. 2.** NRS 2A.080 is hereby amended to read as follows:

38 2A.080 1. ~~[The]~~ *Until the first Monday in January 2029, the*  
39 *annual base salary of each judge of the Court of Appeals is*  
40 *\$165,000. On the first Monday in January 2029 and on the first*  
41 *Monday of every sixth year thereafter, the annual base salary of*  
42 *his or her successor in office must be increased by an amount*  
43 *equal to the cumulative percentage increase in the salaries of the*  
44 *classified employees of this State during the immediately*  
45 *preceding 6 years.*



1 2. A judge of the Court of Appeals who has served as a justice  
2 of the Supreme Court, judge of the Court of Appeals or judge of a  
3 district court, or any combination thereof, for at least 4 years is  
4 entitled to an additional salary of 2 percent of his or her annual base  
5 salary for each year of service. The additional salary must not  
6 exceed 22 percent of his or her annual base salary.

7 3. The salary provided for in this section is payable in biweekly  
8 installments as other state officers are paid.

9 **Sec. 2.5.** 1. There is hereby appropriated from the State  
10 General Fund to the State Judicial Elected Officials Account the  
11 sum of \$86,113 for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for increases in the  
12 salary of justices of the Supreme Court and judges of the Court of  
13 Appeals.

14 2. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by  
15 subsection 1 must not be committed for expenditure after June 30,  
16 2025, by the entity to which the appropriation is made or any entity  
17 to which money from the appropriation is granted or otherwise  
18 transferred in any manner, and any portion of the appropriated  
19 money remaining must not be spent for any purpose after  
20 September 19, 2025, by either the entity to which the money was  
21 appropriated or the entity to which the money was subsequently  
22 granted or transferred, and must be reverted to the State General  
23 Fund on or before September 19, 2025.

24 **Sec. 3.** 1. This section and sections 1 and 2 of this act  
25 become effective on July 1, 2023.

26 2. Section 2.5 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2024.

