
SENATE BILL 6654

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By Senators Morton and Roach

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1 AN ACT Relating to salaries of district court judges; amending RCW
2 3.58.010, 3.58.020, 43.03.012, and 43.03.310; and providing an
3 effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 3.58.010 and 1986 c 155 s 7 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 The annual salary of each full time district court judge shall be
8 established by the (~~Washington citizen's commission on salaries for~~
9 ~~elected officials~~) county legislative authority. A member of the
10 legislature whose term of office is partly coextensive with or extends
11 beyond the present term of office of any of the officials whose salary
12 is increased by virtue of the provisions of RCW 43.03.010, 2.04.092,
13 2.06.062, 2.08.092, and (~~3.58.010~~) this section shall be eligible to
14 be appointed or elected to any of the offices the salary of which is
15 increased hereby but (~~he~~) the member shall not be entitled to receive
16 such increased salary until after the expiration of (~~his~~) the
17 member's present term of office and (~~his~~) the member's subsequent
18 election or reelection to the office to which (~~he~~) the member was

1 appointed or elected respectively during ((his)) the member's term of
2 office as legislator.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 3.58.020 and 1991 c 338 s 3 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 The annual salaries of part-time district judges shall be set by
6 the ((citizens' commission on salaries)) county legislative authority.

7 **Sec. 3.** RCW 43.03.012 and 1997 c 458 s 2 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

9 Pursuant to Article XXVIII, section 1 of the state Constitution and
10 RCW 2.04.092, 2.06.062, 2.08.092, 3.58.010, and 43.03.310, the annual
11 salaries of the judges of the state shall be as follows:

12 (1) Effective September 1, 1995:

13 (a) Justices of the supreme court \$ 109,880

14 (b) Judges of the court of appeals \$ 104,448

15 (c) Judges of the superior court \$ 99,015

16 (d) Full-time judges of the district court \$ 94,198

17 (2) Effective September 1, 1997:

18 (a) Justices of the supreme court \$ 112,078

19 (b) Judges of the court of appeals \$ 106,537

20 (c) Judges of the superior court \$ 100,995

21 ((d) Full-time judges of the district court \$ 96,082

22 (3) ~~The salary for a part-time district court judge shall be the~~
23 ~~proportion of full-time work for which the position is authorized,~~
24 ~~multiplied by the salary for a full-time district court judge.)~~

25 **Sec. 4.** RCW 43.03.310 and 1995 c 3 s 2 are each amended to read as
26 follows:

27 (1) The citizens' commission on salaries for elected officials
28 shall study the relationship of salaries to the duties of members of
29 the legislature, all elected officials of the executive branch of state
30 government, and all judges of the supreme court, court of appeals, and
31 superior courts, ((and district courts,)) and shall fix the salary for
32 each respective position.

33 (2) Except as provided otherwise in RCW 43.03.305 and this section,
34 the commission shall be solely responsible for its own organization,
35 operation, and action and shall enjoy the fullest cooperation of all
36 state officials, departments, and agencies.

1 (3) Members of the commission shall receive no compensation for
2 their services, but shall be eligible to receive a subsistence
3 allowance and travel expenses pursuant to RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

4 (4) The members of the commission shall elect a chair from among
5 their number. The commission shall set a schedule of salaries by an
6 affirmative vote of not less than nine members of the commission.

7 (5) The commission shall file its initial schedule of salaries for
8 the elected officials with the secretary of state no later than the
9 first Monday in June, 1987, and shall file a schedule biennially
10 thereafter. Each such schedule shall be filed in legislative bill
11 form, shall be assigned a chapter number and published with the session
12 laws of the legislature, and shall be codified by the statute law
13 committee. The signature of the chair of the commission shall be
14 affixed to each schedule submitted to the secretary of state. The
15 chair shall certify that the schedule has been adopted in accordance
16 with the provisions of state law and with the rules, if any, of the
17 commission. Such schedules shall become effective ninety days after
18 the filing thereof, except as provided in Article XXVIII, section 1 of
19 the state Constitution. State laws regarding referendum petitions
20 shall apply to such schedules to the extent consistent with Article
21 XXVIII, section 1 of the state Constitution.

22 (6) Prior to the filing of any salary schedule, the commission
23 shall hold no fewer than four public hearings thereon within the four
24 months immediately preceding the filing.

25 (7) All meetings, actions, hearings, and business of the commission
26 shall be subject in full to the open public meetings act, chapter 42.30
27 RCW.

28 (8) Salaries of the officials referred to in subsection (1) of this
29 section that are in effect on January 12, 1987, shall continue until
30 modified by the commission under this section.

31 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** This act takes effect September 1, 1998.

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