



State of Wisconsin
2017 - 2018 LEGISLATURE

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FOR 2017-2019 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; **relating to:** the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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Under the bill, annual salaries for supreme court justices and circuit court and appeals court judges are reviewed and established under a proposal submitted to the Joint Committee on Employment Relations that includes recommendations made by the director of state courts. Under current law, annual salaries for supreme court justices and circuit court and appeals court judges are reviewed and established in the state compensation plan in the same manner as positions in the state classified service. This bill authorizes the director of state courts and the supreme court to transfer general purpose and program revenues to the director of state courts for the purpose of making wage adjustments to the salaries of circuit court and appeals court judges and supreme court justices.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 20.680 (2) (kw) of the statutes is created to read:

20.680 (2) (kw) *Judicial wage adjustments.* All moneys received from the supreme court or from the director of state courts by the director of state courts for wage adjustments to the salaries of circuit and appeals court judges and of justices of the supreme court, as provided under s. 758.19 (8), to be used for that purpose. No moneys may be transferred to this appropriation account from the appropriation accounts under sub. (1) (a) or s. 20.625 (1) (a) or 20.660 (1) (a).

****NOTE: This SECTION involves a change in an appropriation that must be reflected in the revised schedule in s. 20.005, stats.

SECTION 2. 20.923 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.923 (2) (b) The annual salary of each state senator, and representative to the assembly, ~~justice of the supreme court, court of appeals judge and circuit judge~~ shall be reviewed and established in the same manner as provided for positions in the classified service under s. 230.12 (3). The annual salary of each justice of the supreme court, court of appeals judge, and circuit judge shall be reviewed and established as provided under s. 758.19 (8).

SECTION 3. 20.923 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

20.923 (3) JUSTICES AND JUDGES. The annual salary for any supreme court justice or judge of the court of appeals or circuit court shall be ~~established under sub. (2) contained in the recommendations and proposal of the director of state courts~~ under s. 758.19 (8) (a), except that any compensation adjustments granted under s. ~~230.12~~ 758.19 (8) (b) shall not become effective until such time as any justice or judge takes the oath of office.

SECTION 4. 758.19 (8) of the statutes is created to read:

758.19 (8) (a) The director of state courts shall submit to the joint committee on employment relations recommendations and a proposal for adjusting the

compensation and employee benefits for circuit and appeals court judges and justices of the supreme court. The director of state courts shall include all of the following in the proposal:

1. A plan for the transfer of moneys from one or more appropriation accounts under subch. VII of ch. 20, other than the appropriation accounts under s. 20.625 (1) (a), 20.660 (1) (a), or 20.680 (1) (a), to the appropriation account under s. 20.680 (2) (kw).

2. An identification of the appropriations from which the transfers under subd. 1. are proposed to be made.

3. A projection of the amounts that will be transferred each fiscal year.

4. A projection of the amount the director will receive under s. 20.680 (2) (kw) during the biennium.

(b) The joint committee on employment relations shall review the proposal submitted under par. (a) and shall apply the procedures under s. 230.12 (1) (bf) and (3) (b) to the consideration and determination of any pay adjustments for the judges and justices. If the joint committee on employment relations approves one or more of the recommendations in the proposal submitted under par. (a) 1., the director of state courts may make the corresponding transfers.

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