

ASSEMBLY, No. 2222

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman LANCE

1 AN ACT concerning judicial salaries and amending N.J.S.2B:2-4.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
4 of New Jersey:

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6 1. N.J.S.2B:2-4 is amended to read as follows:

7 2B:2-4. Judicial Salaries.

8 a. Annual salaries of justices and judges shall be:

9 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court \$138,000

10 Associate Justice of the Supreme Court 132,250

11 Judge of the Superior Court,

12 Appellate Division 124,200

13 Judge of the Superior Court,

14 Assignment Judge 120,750

15 Judge of the Superior Court;

16 Judge of the Tax Court 115,000

17 b. Commencing July 1, 1997, the annual salaries of all justices and
18 judges shall be adjusted upward in direct proportion to any increase,
19 in the immediately preceding calendar year, in the average Consumer
20 Price Index for urban wage-earners and clerical workers in the New
21 York City and the Philadelphia areas as reported by the United States
22 Department of Labor.

23 (cf: P.L.1995, c.424, s.1)

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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30 This bill would provide judges and New Jersey Supreme Court
31 justices with automatic, annual salary increases proportionate to any
32 increases in the cost of living. Under the bill, any increase in the
33 Consumer Price Index for a calendar year would result in judicial
34 salaries being increased proportionately.

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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3 Increases salaries for judges commensurate with increases in the

4 Consumer Price Index.