

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

SENATE, No. 2297

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

208th LEGISLATURE

DATED: JANUARY 8, 2000

BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill No. 2297 of 1999 increases the annual salary for certain officials in the Executive, Judicial and Legislative Branches of State government and for county prosecutors, and increases the minimum annual salary for members of the county boards of taxation. The increases are reflected in the following table:

Position	Current Salary	CY 2000 Salary	CY 2001 Salary	CY 2002 Salary
Governor	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$175,000
State Department Heads	\$115,000	\$133,330	\$137,165	\$141,000
Casino Control Commissioners	\$ 90,000	\$133,330	\$137,165	\$141,000
Member, Board of Public Utilities (BPU)	\$115,000	\$133,330	\$137,165	\$141,000
Members, State Commission of Investigation	\$ 25,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
Chief Justice, Supreme Court	\$138,000	\$149,018	\$156,634	\$164,250
Associate Justice, Supreme Court	\$132,250	\$145,881	\$152,191	\$158,500
Judge, Superior Court, Appellate Division	\$124,200	\$141,176	\$145,588	\$150,000
Judge, Superior Court, Assignment Division	\$120,750	\$138,036	\$142,393	\$146,750
Judges, Superior Court and Tax Court	\$115,000	\$133,330	\$137,165	\$141,000

Position	Current Salary	CY 2000 Salary	CY 2001 Salary	CY 2002 Salary
Senate President, Assembly Speaker	\$46,667	\$46,667	\$46,667	\$65,334
Members, Legislature	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 49,000
Member, County Board of Taxation	minimum, based on county population	additional \$5,000	additional \$5,000	additional \$5,000
*Chief Judge, Workers' Compensation	\$108,100	\$118,664	\$122,077	\$125,490
*Judge, Workers' Compensation	\$103,500	\$113,331	\$116,590	\$119,850
*Chief Judge, Administrative Law	\$108,100	\$118,664	\$122,077	\$125,490
*Judge, Administrative Law	\$103,500	\$113,331	\$116,590	\$119,850
County Prosecutor	\$115,000	\$133,330	\$137,165	\$141,000

Note: The increases for the Governor and the Legislators do not take effect until January of 2002; all other increases are effective upon enactment.

*Increases for the Workers' Compensation Division and the Administrative Law Division result from the calculation of these salaries as a percentage of the salary of a Judge of the Superior Court.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES COMMENTS

Cumulative Fiscal Impact: General Fund

	FY 2000 Increase over current year	FY 2001 Increase over current year	FY 2002 Increase over current year
Governor, Department Heads, BPU, SCI	\$ 184,970	\$ 424,455	\$ 555,985
Judges (all except Workers' Compensation)	\$ 4,277,263	\$ 9,470,710	\$11,303,084
Legislature	-0-	-0-	\$ 844,620
**County Board of Taxation	\$ 187,500	\$ 562,500	\$ 937,500

	FY 2000 Increase over current year	FY 2001 Increase over current year	FY 2002 Increase over current year
**County Prosecutor	\$ 192,465	\$ 365,198	\$ 445,733
TOTAL	\$4,842,198	\$ 10,822,863	\$14,086,922

Note: This estimate does not include (1) additional employer pension contributions which will be required to offset increased pension liabilities due to salary increases, or (2) additional Social Security taxes: 7.65 percent of the increase for salaries less than \$76,500 (Social Security wage base); 1.45 percent (Medicare portion) for increases above the Social Security wage base.

**The increase in salary for the county prosecutors is included as a State cost because, by statute, the State reimburses counties for the portion of annual salary that exceeds \$100,000. Minimum annual salaries of the members of the county boards of taxation are funded by the State pursuant to current law.

Cumulative Fiscal Impact: Other Funds

Second Injury Fund

There will be an additional cost to the Second Injury Fund (from which administrative costs of the Division of Workers' Compensation are funded) of approximately \$251,000 in Fiscal Year 2000, \$585,000 in Fiscal Year 2001, and \$751,400 in Fiscal Year 2002 for the increase in the annual salary for the Chief Judge/Director and the judges of the Division of Worker's Compensation,

Casino Control Fund

There will be an additional cost to the Casino Control Fund (from which administrative costs of the Casino Control Commission are funded) of approximately \$106,000 in Fiscal Year 2000, \$221,000 in Fiscal Year 2001, and \$227,000 in Fiscal Year 2002 for the increase in the annual salary for the members of the Casino Control Commission.

Assumptions

This estimate assumes immediate implementation by the Governor, consistent level of positions through FY 2002, and acceptance of the full gubernatorial salary in 2002.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.