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SENATE BILL 696

Short Title: Judicial Longevity. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Ballance; Allran, Ballantine, Clodfelter, Dannelly, Gulley, Hartsell, Kerr, Kinnaird, Miller, Odom, Soles, and Wellons.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 26, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADDITIONAL STEP IN LONGEVITY PAY
2 AFTER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICES, COURT
3 OF APPEALS JUDGES, SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES, AND DISTRICT COURT
4 JUDGES.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-10(c) reads as rewritten:

8 "(c) In lieu of merit and other increment raises paid to regular State employees,
9 the Chief Justice and each of the Associate Justices shall receive as longevity pay an
10 annual amount equal to four and eight-tenths percent (4.8%) of the annual salary set
11 forth in the Current Operations Appropriations Act payable monthly after five years of
12 service, nine and six-tenths percent (9.6%) after 10 years of service, fourteen and
13 four-tenths percent (14.4%) after 15 years of service, ~~and~~ nineteen and two-tenths
14 percent (19.2%) after 20 years of service, and twenty-four percent (24%) after
15 25 years of service. "Service" means service as a justice or judge of the General Court
16 of Justice ~~or as a member of the Utilities Commission. Service shall also mean~~
17 service ~~Justice, as a district attorney~~ Justice, as a district attorney, or as a clerk of superior court."

18 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 7A-18(b) reads as rewritten:

19 "(b) In lieu of merit and other increment raises paid to regular State employees, a
20 judge of the Court of Appeals shall receive as longevity pay an annual amount equal to
21 four and eight-tenths percent (4.8%) of the annual salary set forth in the Current
22 Operations Appropriations Act payable monthly after five years of service, nine and
23 six-tenths percent (9.6%) after 10 years of service, fourteen and four-tenths percent
24 (14.4%) after 15 years of service, ~~and~~ nineteen and two-tenths percent (19.2%) after 20
25 years of service, and twenty-four percent (24%) after 25 years of service.
26 "Service" means service as a justice or judge of the General Court of Justice ~~or as a~~

1 ~~member of the Utilities Commission. Service shall also mean service~~Justice, as a district
2 ~~attorney~~attorney, or as a clerk of superior court."

3 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 7A-44(b) reads as rewritten:

4 "(b) In lieu of merit and other increment raises paid to regular State employees, a
5 judge of the superior court, regular or special, shall receive as longevity pay an annual
6 amount equal to four and eight-tenths percent (4.8%) of the annual salary set forth in the
7 Current Operations Appropriations Act payable monthly after five years of service, nine
8 and six-tenths percent (9.6%) after 10 years of service, fourteen and four-tenths percent
9 (14.4%) after 15 years of service, ~~and~~nineteen and two-tenths percent (19.2%) after 20
10 years of ~~service~~service, and twenty-four percent (24%) after 25 years of service.

11 "Service" means service as a justice or judge of the General Court of Justice ~~or as a~~
12 ~~member of the Utilities Commission or~~Justice, as director or assistant director of the
13 Administrative Office of the Courts. ~~Service shall also mean service~~Courts, as a district
14 ~~attorney~~attorney, or as a clerk of superior court."

15 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 7A-144(b) reads as rewritten:

16 "(b) Notwithstanding merit, longevity and other increment raises paid to regular
17 State employees, a judge of the district court shall receive as longevity pay an annual
18 amount equal to four and eight-tenths percent (4.8%) of the annual salary set forth in the
19 Current Operations Appropriations Act payable monthly after five years of service, nine
20 and six-tenths percent (9.6%) after 10 years of service, fourteen and four-tenths percent
21 (14.4%) after 15 years of service, ~~and~~nineteen and two-tenths percent (19.2%) after 20
22 years of ~~service~~service, and twenty-four percent (24%) after 25 years of service.

23 "Service" means service as a justice or judge of the General Court of Justice ~~or as a~~
24 ~~member of the Utilities Commission or~~Justice, as director or assistant director of the
25 Administrative Office of the Courts. ~~Service shall also mean service~~Courts, as a district
26 ~~attorney~~attorney, or as a clerk of superior court."

27 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.