

SENATE BILL NO. 2002

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

(At the request of the Supreme Court)

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the judicial branch;
2 to provide an exemption from the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 of the North Dakota Century
3 Code; and to amend and reenact sections 27-02-02 and 27-05-03 of the North Dakota Century
4 Code, relating to salaries of supreme and district court judges.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

6 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the
7 funds as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in
8 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal
9 funds and other income, to the judicial branch for the purpose of defraying the expenses of its
10 various divisions, for the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999, as
11 follows:

12 Subdivision 1.

13 SUPREME COURT

14 Salaries and wages	\$4,765,332
15 Operating expenses	1,525,506
16 Equipment	132,700
17 Judges retirement	342,416
18 Dispute resolution options	<u>20,000</u>
19 Total all funds	\$6,785,954
20 Less estimated income	<u>8,963</u>
21 Total general fund appropriation	\$6,776,991

22 Subdivision 2.

23 DISTRICT COURTS

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly

1	Salaries and wages	\$21,640,674
2	Operating expenses	8,178,820
3	Equipment	654,954
4	Judges retirement	<u>973,584</u>
5	Total all funds	\$31,448,032
6	Less estimated income	<u>384,089</u>
7	Total general fund appropriation	\$31,063,943
8	JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD	
9	Salaries and wages	\$ 394,078
10	Operating expenses	119,551
11	Equipment	<u>13,000</u>
12	Total all funds	\$ 526,629
13	Less estimated income	<u>72,000</u>
14	Total general fund appropriation	\$ 454,629
15	Grand total general fund appropriation	\$38,295,563
16	Grand total special funds appropriation	\$ 465,052
17	Grand total all funds appropriation	\$38,760,615

18 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There is hereby appropriated any funds received by
19 the supreme court, district courts, and judicial conduct commission and disciplinary board, not
20 otherwise appropriated, pursuant to federal acts and private gifts, grants, and donations for the
21 purpose as designated in the federal acts or private gifts, grants, and donations for the period
22 beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999.

23 **SECTION 3. TRANSFERS.** The director of the office of management and budget and
24 the state treasurer shall make such transfers of funds between line items of appropriation for
25 the judicial branch of government as may be requested by the supreme court upon a finding by
26 the court that the nature of the duties of the court and its staff requires the transfers to carry on
27 properly the functions of the judicial branch of government.

28 **SECTION 4. EXEMPTION.** The supreme court equipment appropriation contained in
29 section 1 of chapter 24 of the 1993 Session Laws is not subject to section 54-44.1-11, and
30 \$75,565 of the unexpended funds from this appropriation are available for the purchase of a
31 photocopier during the biennium beginning July 1, 1997, and ending June 30, 1999.

1 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-02-02 of the 1995 Supplement to the North
2 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

3 **27-02-02. Salaries of judges of supreme court.** The annual salary of each judge of
4 the supreme court is ~~seventy-five~~ eighty thousand ~~nine~~ five hundred ~~thirty-six~~ forty-six dollars
5 through June 30, ~~1996~~ 1998, and ~~seventy-seven~~ eighty-three thousand ~~four~~ seven hundred
6 ~~forty-eight~~ sixty-eight dollars thereafter. The chief justice of the supreme court is entitled to
7 receive an additional two thousand ~~one~~ two hundred ~~thirty-six~~ seventy-one dollars per annum
8 through June 30, ~~1996~~ 1998, and two thousand ~~one~~ three hundred ~~eighty-four~~ sixty-two dollars
9 per annum thereafter.

10 **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-05-03 of the 1995 Supplement to the North
11 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

12 **27-05-03. Salaries and expenses of district judges.** The annual salary of each
13 district judge is ~~seventy~~ seventy-four thousand ~~sixty-eight~~ three hundred ~~thirty-one~~ thirty-one dollars
14 through June 30, ~~1996~~ 1998, and ~~seventy-one~~ seventy-seven thousand ~~four~~ three hundred
15 ~~seventy-two~~ four dollars thereafter. Each district judge is entitled to travel expenses including
16 mileage and subsistence while engaged in the discharge of official duties outside the ~~county~~
17 city in which the judge's chambers are located. The salary and expenses are payable monthly
18 in the manner provided by law. A presiding judge of a judicial district is entitled to receive an
19 additional one thousand ~~six~~ seven hundred ~~fifty-six~~ sixty dollars per annum, through June 30,
20 ~~1996~~ 1998, and one thousand ~~six~~ eight hundred ~~ninety-two~~ thirty dollars thereafter.