

**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 and to amend and reenact sections 27-02-02 and 27-05-03 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
3 relating to salaries of supreme and district court judges.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the  
6 funds as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in  
7 the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal  
8 funds and other income, to the judicial branch for the purpose of defraying the expenses of its  
9 various divisions, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003, as  
10 follows:

11 Subdivision 1.

12 SUPREME COURT

13 Salaries and wages	\$5,659,939
14 Operating expenses	1,645,411
15 Equipment	153,250
16 Judges retirement	<u>209,069</u>
17 Total general fund appropriation	\$7,667,669

18 Subdivision 2.

19 DISTRICT COURTS

20 Salaries and wages	\$25,143,950
21 Operating expenses	10,216,933
22 Equipment	875,150
23 Judges retirement	878,381
24 UND - Central legal research	80,000

Fifty-seventh  
Legislative Assembly

1	Alternative dispute resolution	<u>40,000</u>
2	Total all funds	\$37,234,414
3	Less estimated income	<u>1,194,071</u>
4	Total general fund appropriation	\$36,040,343

5 Subdivision 3.

6 JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

7	Judicial conduct commission and disciplinary board	<u>\$528,262</u>
8	Total all funds	\$528,262
9	Less estimated income	<u>273,750</u>
10	Total general fund appropriation	\$254,512

11 Subdivision 4.

12 CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT FUNDING

13	Salaries and wages	\$7,132,966
14	Operating expenses	3,338,737
15	Equipment	382,650
16	Collection of restitution	<u>638,973</u>
17	Total all funds	\$11,493,326
18	Less estimated income	<u>750,000</u>
19	Total general fund appropriation	\$10,743,326
20	Grand total general fund appropriation	\$54,705,850
21	Grand total special funds appropriation	\$2,217,821
22	Grand total all funds appropriation	\$56,923,671

23 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There are hereby appropriated any funds received by  
24 the supreme court, district courts, and judicial conduct commission and disciplinary board, not  
25 otherwise appropriated, pursuant to federal acts and private gifts, grants, and donations for the  
26 purpose as designated in the federal acts or private gifts, grants, and donations for the period  
27 beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003.

28 **SECTION 3. TRANSFERS.** The director of the office of management and budget and  
29 the state treasurer shall make such transfers of funds between line items of appropriation for  
30 the judicial branch of government as may be requested by the supreme court upon a finding by

1 the court that the nature of the duties of the court and its staff requires the transfers to carry on  
2 properly the functions of the judicial branch of government.

3 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-02-02 of the 1999 Supplement to the North  
4 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

5 **27-02-02. Salaries of judges of supreme court.** The annual salary of each judge of  
6 the supreme court is ~~eighty-three~~ ninety-four thousand ~~eight~~ seven hundred ~~seven~~  
7 twenty-seven dollars through June 30, ~~2000~~ 2002, and ~~eighty-five~~ ninety-six thousand ~~four~~ six  
8 hundred ~~eighty-three~~ twenty-two dollars thereafter. The chief justice of the supreme court is  
9 entitled to receive an additional two thousand ~~three~~ eight hundred ~~sixty-five~~ forty-three dollars  
10 per annum through June 30, ~~2000~~ 2002, and two thousand ~~four~~ eight hundred ~~twelve~~  
11 ninety-nine dollars per annum thereafter.

12 **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-05-03 of the 1999 Supplement to the North  
13 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **27-05-03. Salaries and expenses of district judges.** The annual salary of each  
15 district judge is ~~seventy-seven~~ eighty-seven thousand ~~three~~ four hundred ~~forty~~ twenty-two  
16 dollars through June 30, ~~2000~~ 2002, and ~~seventy-eight~~ eighty-nine thousand ~~eight~~ one hundred  
17 ~~eighty-seven~~ seventy-one dollars thereafter. Each district judge is entitled to travel expenses  
18 including mileage and subsistence while engaged in the discharge of official duties outside the  
19 city in which the judge's chambers are located. The salary and expenses are payable monthly  
20 in the manner provided by law. A presiding judge of a judicial district is entitled to receive an  
21 additional ~~one~~ two thousand ~~eight~~ six hundred ~~thirty-one~~ twenty-one dollars per annum,  
22 through June 30, ~~2000~~ 2002, and ~~one~~ two thousand ~~eight~~ six hundred ~~sixty-eight~~ seventy-two  
23 dollars thereafter.