

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, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001, as  
10 follows:

11 Subdivision 1.

12	SUPREME COURT	
13	Salaries and wages	\$4,971,514
14	Operating expenses	1,685,266
15	Equipment	141,950
16	Judges retirement	<u>289,409</u>
17	Total all funds	\$7,088,139
18	Less estimated income	<u>0</u>
19	Total general fund appropriation	\$7,088,139

20 Subdivision 2.

21	DISTRICT COURTS	
22	Salaries and wages	\$22,401,692
23	Operating expenses	9,178,319
24	Equipment	788,600

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1	Judges retirement	851,889
2	Alternative dispute resolution	<u>60,000</u>
3	Total all funds	\$33,280,500
4	Less estimated income	<u>773,402</u>
5	Total general fund appropriation	\$32,507,098

6 Subdivision 3.

7 JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

8	Judicial conduct commission and disciplinary board	<u>\$496,000</u>
9	Total all funds	\$496,000
10	Less estimated income	<u>270,000</u>
11	Total general fund appropriation	\$226,000

12 Subdivision 4.

13 CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT FUNDING

14	Clerk of district court funding	<u>\$3,005,847</u>
15	Total all funds	\$3,005,847
16	Less estimated income	<u>0</u>
17	Total general fund appropriation	\$3,005,847
18	Grand total general fund appropriation	\$42,827,084
19	Grand total special funds appropriation	\$1,043,402
20	Grand total all funds appropriation	\$43,870,486

21 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There are hereby appropriated any funds received by  
22 the supreme court, district courts, and judicial conduct commission and disciplinary board, not  
23 otherwise appropriated, pursuant to federal acts and private gifts, grants, and donations for the  
24 purpose as designated in the federal acts or private gifts, grants, and donations for the period  
25 beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001.

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

1           **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-02-02 of the 1997 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-nine~~ eighty-six thousand ~~seven~~ two hundred ~~seventy-one~~  
5 seventy-two dollars through June 30, ~~1998~~ 2000, and ~~eighty-two~~ ninety thousand ~~one~~ five  
6 hundred ~~sixty-four~~ eighty-six dollars thereafter. The chief justice of the supreme court is  
7 entitled to receive an additional two thousand ~~two~~ four hundred ~~fifty~~ thirty-four dollars per  
8 annum through June 30, ~~1998~~ 2000, and two thousand ~~three~~ five hundred ~~eighteen~~ fifty-six  
9 dollars per annum thereafter.

10           **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-05-03 of the 1997 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-three~~ seventy-nine thousand six hundred ~~sixteen~~ fifteen dollars through  
14 June 30, ~~1998~~ 2000, and ~~seventy-five~~ eighty-three thousand ~~eight~~ five hundred ~~twenty-four~~  
15 ninety-six dollars thereafter. Each district judge is entitled to travel expenses including mileage  
16 and subsistence while engaged in the discharge of official duties outside the city in which the  
17 judge's chambers are located. The salary and expenses are payable monthly in the manner  
18 provided by law. A presiding judge of a judicial district is entitled to receive an additional one  
19 thousand ~~seven~~ eight hundred ~~forty-three~~ eighty-five dollars per annum, through June 30, ~~1998~~  
20 2000, and one thousand ~~seven~~ nine hundred ~~ninety-five~~ seventy-nine dollars thereafter.