

Sixty-ninth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2002

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

- 1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the judicial branch;
2 to provide for transfers; and to provide an exemption.

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

- 4 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds
5 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state
6 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from other funds derived from special funds and
7 federal funds, to the judicial branch for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the judicial
8 branch, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, as follows:

9 Subdivision 1.

10 SUPREME COURT

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
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12			
13	Salaries and wages	\$12,363,778	\$0 \$12,363,778
14	Operating expenses	2,915,259	0 2,915,259
15	New and vacant FTE funding pool	<u>8,740,214</u>	<u>0</u> <u>8,740,214</u>
16	Total all funds	\$24,019,251	\$0 \$24,019,251
17	Less other funds	<u>97,793</u>	<u>0</u> <u>97,793</u>
18	Total general fund	\$23,921,458	\$0 \$23,921,458

19 Subdivision 2.

20 DISTRICT COURTS

		Adjustments or	
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
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23	Salaries and wages	\$79,576,340	\$0 \$79,576,340
24	Operating expenses	24,524,619	0 24,524,619

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1	Judges' retirement	<u>177,340</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>177,340</u>
2	Total all funds	\$104,278,299	\$0	\$104,278,299
3	Less other funds	<u>830,318</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>830,318</u>
4	Total general fund	\$103,447,981	\$0	\$103,447,981

5 Subdivision 3.

6 JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

7		Adjustments or		
8		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
9	Salaries and wages	<u>\$1,399,862</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,399,862</u>
10	Total all funds	\$1,399,862	\$0	\$1,399,862
11	Less other funds	<u>512,317</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>512,317</u>
12	Total general fund	\$887,545	\$0	\$887,545

13 Subdivision 4.

14 TOTAL - SECTION 1

15		Adjustments or		
16		<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
17	Grand total all funds	\$129,697,412	\$0	\$129,697,412
18	Grand total other funds	<u>1,440,428</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,440,428</u>
19	Grand total general fund	\$128,256,984	\$0	\$128,256,984
20	Full-time equivalent positions	384.00	0.00	384.00

21 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There are appropriated any funds received by the supreme
22 court, district courts, and judicial conduct commission and disciplinary board, not otherwise
23 appropriated, pursuant to federal acts and private gifts, grants, and donations for the purpose
24 as designated in the federal acts or private gifts, grants, and donations for the period beginning
25 July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.

26 **SECTION 3. EXEMPTION - TRANSFERS.** Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the director
27 of the office of management and budget shall transfer appropriation authority between line items
28 in section 1 of this Act as requested by the supreme court upon a finding by the court that the
29 nature of the duties of the court and its staff requires the transfers to carry on properly the
30 functions of the judicial branch of government.