

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 appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
7 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and  
8 other income, to the judicial branch for the purpose of defraying the expenses of its various  
9 divisions, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005, as follows:

10 Subdivision 1.

11 SUPREME COURT

12 Salaries and wages	\$5,955,990
13 Operating expenses	\$1,706,580
14 Judges retirement	\$132,288
15 Total general fund appropriation	\$7,794,858

16 Subdivision 2.

17 DISTRICT COURTS

18 Salaries and wages	\$34,662,877
19 Operating expenses	\$14,223,487
20 Capital assets	\$109,500
21 Judges retirement	\$918,944
22 UND-Central legal research	\$80,000
23 Alternative dispute resolution	\$40,000
24 Total all funds	\$50,034,808

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1	Less estimated income	<u>\$1,762,735</u>
2	Total general fund appropriation	\$48,272,073
3	Subdivision 3.	
4	JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD	
5	Judicial conduct commission and disciplinary board	\$544,227
6	Total all funds	\$544,227
7	Less estimated income	<u>\$283,500</u>
8	Total general fund appropriation	\$260,727
9	Grand total general fund appropriation	\$56,327,658
10	Grand total other funds appropriation	\$2,046,235
11	Grand total all funds appropriation	\$58,373,893

12       **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.** There are appropriated any funds received by the  
13 supreme court, district courts, and judicial conduct commission and disciplinary board, not  
14 otherwise appropriated, pursuant to federal acts and private gifts, grants, and donations for the  
15 purpose as designated in the federal acts or private gifts, grants, and donations for the period  
16 beginning July 1, 2003, and ending June 30, 2005.

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

22       **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-02-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
23 amended and reenacted as follows:

24       **27-02-02. Salaries of judges of supreme court.** The annual salary of each judge of  
25 the supreme court is ~~ninety-two one hundred two thousand two hundred eighty-nine~~ ninety-six  
26 dollars through June 30, ~~2002~~ 2004, and ~~ninety-nine one hundred four thousand one hundred~~  
27 ~~twenty-two~~ thirty-eight dollars thereafter. The chief justice of the supreme court is entitled to  
28 receive an additional two thousand ~~five~~ nine hundred ~~sixty-nine~~ eighty-six dollars per annum  
29 through June 30, ~~2002~~ 2004, and ~~two~~ three thousand ~~eight hundred ninety-nine~~ forty-six dollars  
30 per annum thereafter.

1           **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-05-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3           **27-05-03. Salaries and expenses of district judges.** The annual salary of each  
4 district judge is ~~eighty-four~~ ninety-three thousand ~~seven~~ three hundred ~~sixty-five~~ ninety-one  
5 dollars through June 30, ~~2002~~ 2004, and ~~ninety~~ ninety-six thousand ~~six~~ one hundred  
6 ~~seventy-one~~ ninety-three dollars thereafter. Each district judge is entitled to travel expenses  
7 including mileage and subsistence while engaged in the discharge of official duties outside the  
8 city in which the judge's chambers are located. The salary and expenses are payable monthly  
9 in the manner provided by law. A presiding judge of a judicial district is entitled to receive an  
10 additional ~~one~~ two thousand ~~nine~~ seven hundred ~~eighty-nine~~ fifty-two dollars per annum,  
11 through June 30, ~~2002~~ 2004, and two thousand ~~six~~ eight hundred ~~seventy-two~~ thirty-five dollars  
12 thereafter.