SENATE FILE NO. SF0040

Judicial salaries.

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A BILL

for

AN ACT relating to the judicial branch; increasing salaries of supreme court, district court and circuit court judges as specified; providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 5-1-110(a)(i) through (iii) is amended to read:

5-1-110. Salaries of judges.

(a) Subject to constitutional and statutory provisions concerning when salaries can become effective, judges of the supreme court, district courts and circuit

courts shall receive the following annual salaries which shall be paid in equal monthly installments on the last working day of the month:

(i) Supreme court justices shall receive an annual salary of ~~one hundred twenty-six thousand five hundred dollars ($126,500.00) commencing July 1, 2008 and~~ one hundred thirty-one thousand five hundred dollars ($131,500.00) commencing July 1, 2009 and one hundred sixty-five thousand dollars ($165,000.00) commencing July 1, 2012;

(ii) District court judges shall receive an annual salary of ~~one hundred twenty thousand four hundred dollars ($120,400.00) commencing July 1, 2008 and~~ one hundred twenty-five thousand two hundred dollars ($125,200.00) commencing July 1, 2009 and one hundred fifty thousand dollars ($150,000.00) commencing July 1, 2012;

(iii) Circuit court judges shall receive an annual salary of ~~ninety-eight thousand eight hundred dollars ($98,800.00) commencing July 1, 2008 and~~ one hundred two thousand eight hundred dollars ($102,800.00)

commencing July 1, 2009 and one hundred ten thousand dollars ($110,000.00) commencing July 1, 2012.

Section 2. There is appropriated two million four hundred ninety-one thousand dollars ($2,491,000.00) from the general fund to the supreme court. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2014. This appropriation shall only be expended for the purpose of implementing the judicial salary increases authorized by this act. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2014.

Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2012.

(END)