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SENATE BILL 1087

Short Title: Judicial Longevity.

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Sponsors: Senators Wellons; Ballance, Kerr, Swindell, and Thomas.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADDITIONAL STEP IN LONGEVITY PAY
3 AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE FOR SUPREME COURT
4 JUSTICES, COURT OF APPEALS JUDGES, SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES,
5 DISTRICT COURT JUDGES, AND CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-10(c) reads as rewritten:

8 "(c) In lieu of merit and other increment raises paid to regular State employees,
9 the Chief Justice and each of the Associate Justices shall receive as longevity pay an
10 annual amount equal to four and eight-tenths percent (4.8%) of the annual salary set
11 forth in the Current Operations Appropriations Act payable monthly after five years of
12 service, nine and six-tenths percent (9.6%) after 10 years of service, fourteen and
13 four-tenths percent (14.4%) after 15 years of service, ~~and~~ nineteen and two-tenths
14 percent (19.2%) after 20 years of ~~service.~~ service, and twenty-four percent (24%) after
15 25 years of service. "Service" means service as a justice or judge of the General Court
16 of Justice ~~or as a member of the Utilities Commission. Service shall also mean service~~
17 Justice, as a district attorney attorney, or as a clerk of superior court."

18 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 7A-18(b) reads as rewritten:

19 "(b) In lieu of merit and other increment raises paid to regular State employees, a
20 judge of the Court of Appeals shall receive as longevity pay an annual amount equal to
21 four and eight-tenths percent (4.8%) of the annual salary set forth in the Current
22 Operations Appropriations Act payable monthly after five years of service, nine and
23 six-tenths percent (9.6%) after 10 years of service, fourteen and four-tenths percent
24 (14.4%) after 15 years of service, ~~and~~ nineteen and two-tenths percent (19.2%) after 20
25 years of ~~service.~~ service, and twenty-four percent (24%) after 25 years of service.
26 "Service" means service as a justice or judge of the General Court of Justice ~~or as a~~
27 ~~member of the Utilities Commission. Service shall also mean service~~ Justice, as a
28 district attorney attorney, or as a clerk of superior court."

1 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 7A-44(b) reads as rewritten:

2 "(b) In lieu of merit and other increment raises paid to regular State employees, a
3 judge of the superior court, regular or special, shall receive as longevity pay an annual
4 amount equal to four and eight-tenths percent (4.8%) of the annual salary set forth in the
5 Current Operations Appropriations Act payable monthly after five years of service, nine
6 and six-tenths percent (9.6%) after 10 years of service, fourteen and four-tenths percent
7 (14.4%) after 15 years of service, ~~and~~ nineteen and two-tenths percent (19.2%) after 20
8 years of ~~service.~~ ~~service,~~ and twenty-four percent (24%) after 25 years of service.
9 "Service" means service as a justice or judge of the General Court of ~~Justice or as a~~
10 ~~member of the Utilities Commission or Justice,~~ as director or assistant director of the
11 Administrative Office of the ~~Courts.~~ ~~Service shall also mean service~~ Courts, as a district
12 ~~attorney~~ attorney, or as a clerk of superior court."

13 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 7A-144(b) reads as rewritten:

14 "(b) Notwithstanding merit, longevity and other increment raises paid to regular
15 State employees, a judge of the district court shall receive as longevity pay an annual
16 amount equal to four and eight-tenths percent (4.8%) of the annual salary set forth in the
17 Current Operations Appropriations Act payable monthly after five years of service, nine
18 and six-tenths percent (9.6%) after 10 years of service, fourteen and four-tenths percent
19 (14.4%) after 15 years of service, ~~and~~ nineteen and two-tenths percent (19.2%) after 20
20 years of ~~service.~~ ~~service,~~ and twenty-four percent (24%) after 25 years of service.
21 "Service" means service as a justice or judge of the General Court of ~~Justice or as a~~
22 ~~member of the Utilities Commission or Justice,~~ as director or assistant director of the
23 Administrative Office of the ~~Courts.~~ ~~Service shall also mean service~~ Courts, as a district
24 ~~attorney~~ attorney, or as a clerk of superior court."

25 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 7A-101(c) reads as rewritten:

26 "(c) In lieu of merit and other increment raises paid to regular State employees, a
27 clerk of superior court shall receive as longevity pay an amount equal to four and
28 eight-tenths percent (4.8%) of the clerk's annual salary payable monthly after five years
29 of service, nine and six-tenths percent (9.6%) after 10 years of service, fourteen and
30 four-tenths percent (14.4%) after 15 years of service, ~~and~~ nineteen and two-tenths
31 percent (19.2%) after 20 years of ~~service.~~ ~~service,~~ and twenty-four percent (24%) after
32 25 years of service. Service shall mean service in the elective position of clerk of
33 superior court, as an assistant clerk of court and as a supervisor of clerks of superior
34 court with the Administrative Office of the Courts and shall not include service as a
35 deputy or acting clerk. Service shall also mean service as a justice or judge of the
36 General Court of Justice or as a district attorney."

37 **SECTION 6.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.