

House Bill 2417

Sponsored by Representative BUTLER (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs State Court Administrator to prepare report every two years on compensation of state judges. Requires that report include computation of average compensation paid in other states to judges with closely equivalent responsibilities. Requires that State Court Administrator include statement of amounts needed during immediately following biennium to increase compensation of Oregon judges to equal average compensation received by judges with equivalent responsibilities in other states.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the compensation of judges.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) Every two years the State Court Administrator shall prepare a report**
5 **to the Legislative Assembly on the compensation of:**

6 (a) **The Chief Justice and the judges of the Supreme Court;**

7 (b) **The Chief Judge and the judges of the Court of Appeals;**

8 (c) **The judge of the Oregon Tax Court; and**

9 (d) **Circuit court judges.**

10 (2) **The report prepared by the State Court Administrator under this section shall include**
11 **a computation of the average compensation paid in other states to judges with responsibil-**
12 **ities that are the closest equivalent to the responsibilities of the judges listed in subsection**
13 **(1) of this section.**

14 (3) **If the report prepared under this section shows that any of the judges listed in sub-**
15 **section (1) of this section receive compensation that is less than the average compensation**
16 **computed under subsection (2) of this section, the State Court Administrator shall include**
17 **in the report a statement of the amounts needed by the Judicial Department during the im-**
18 **mediately following biennium for the purpose of increasing the compensation of the judges**
19 **to equal the average compensation received by judges with equivalent responsibilities in**
20 **other states.**

21 (4) **The report prepared under this section shall be delivered to the Legislative Assembly**
22 **in the manner provided by ORS 192.245.**

23 **SECTION 2. The State Court Administrator shall deliver the first report required by**
24 **section 1 of this 2007 Act to the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.