

House Bill 4145

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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**.

States policy of State of Oregon to pay judges no less than median salary for judges serving in comparable positions in comparable states.

Modifies annual salaries of judges of Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Oregon Tax Court and circuit courts.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to compensation of judges; creating new provisions; amending ORS 292.406, 292.411, 292.416
3 and 292.426; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2016 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 292.**

6 **SECTION 2. In order to attract and retain highly qualified people to serve as judges in
7 the Judicial Department and to recognize the trust and responsibilities inherent in those
8 positions, it is the policy of the State of Oregon to pay judges no less than the median salary
9 for judges serving in comparable positions in comparable states.**

10 **SECTION 3. ORS 292.406 is amended to read:**

11 292.406. (1)(a) The annual salary of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals shall be [*\$135,688*
12 *for the year beginning January 1, 2015, and for each year thereafter.*] **\$138,744 for the period be-**
13 **ginning on December 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2016.**

14 **(b) On July 1, 2016, the annual salary of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, as ad-**
15 **justed under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$8,822.**

16 **(c) On January 1, 2017, the annual salary of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, as**
17 **adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$8,822.**

18 **(d) On January 1, 2018, the annual salary of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, as**
19 **adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,881.**

20 **(e) On January 1, 2019, the annual salary of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, as**
21 **adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,881.**

22 (2)(a) The annual salary of each other judge of the Court of Appeals shall be [*\$132,820 for the*
23 *year beginning January 1, 2015, and for each year thereafter.*] **\$135,804 for the period beginning on**
24 **December 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2016.**

25 **(b) On July 1, 2016, the annual salary of each other judge of the Court of Appeals, as**
26 **adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$8,530.**

27 **(c) On January 1, 2017, the annual salary of each other judge of the Court of Appeals,**
28 **as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$8,530.**

29 **(d) On January 1, 2018, the annual salary of each other judge of the Court of Appeals,**

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.

1 as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,687.

2 (e) On January 1, 2019, the annual salary of each other judge of the Court of Appeals,
3 as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,687.

4 **SECTION 4.** ORS 292.411 is amended to read:

5 292.411. (1)(a) The annual salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall be [*\$138,556*
6 *for the year beginning January 1, 2015, and for each year thereafter.*] **\$141,672 for the period be-**
7 **ginning on December 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2016.**

8 (b) On July 1, 2016, the annual salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, as ad-
9 justed under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$10,538.

10 (c) On January 1, 2017, the annual salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, as
11 adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$10,538.

12 (d) On January 1, 2018, the annual salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, as
13 adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$7,025.

14 (e) On January 1, 2019, the annual salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, as
15 adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$7,025.

16 (2)(a) The annual salary of each other judge of the Supreme Court shall be [*\$135,688 for the year*
17 *beginning January 1, 2015, and for each year thereafter.*] **\$138,744 for the period beginning on De-**
18 **cember 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2016.**

19 (b) On July 1, 2016, the annual salary of each other judge of the Supreme Court, as ad-
20 justed under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$8,822.

21 (c) On January 1, 2017, the annual salary of each other judge of the Supreme Court, as
22 adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$8,822.

23 (d) On January 1, 2018, the annual salary of each other judge of the Supreme Court, as
24 adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,881.

25 (e) On January 1, 2019, the annual salary of each other judge of the Supreme Court, as
26 adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,881.

27 **SECTION 5.** ORS 292.416 is amended to read:

28 292.416. (1) The annual salary of each judge of a circuit court shall be [*\$124,468 for the year*
29 *beginning January 1, 2015, and for each year thereafter.*] **\$127,272 for the period beginning on De-**
30 **cember 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2016.**

31 (2) On July 1, 2016, the annual salary of each judge of a circuit court, as adjusted under
32 ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$7,673.

33 (3) On January 1, 2017, the annual salary of each judge of a circuit court, as adjusted
34 under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$7,673.

35 (4) On January 1, 2018, the annual salary of each judge of a circuit court, as adjusted
36 under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,116.

37 (5) On January 1, 2019, the annual salary of each judge of a circuit court, as adjusted
38 under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,116.

39 **SECTION 6.** ORS 292.426 is amended to read:

40 292.426. (1) The annual salary of the judge of the Oregon Tax Court shall be [*\$128,164 for the*
41 *year beginning January 1, 2015, and for each year thereafter.*] **\$131,052 for the period beginning on**
42 **December 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2016.**

43 (2) On July 1, 2016, the annual salary of the judge of the Oregon Tax Court, as adjusted
44 under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$8,248.

45 (3) On January 1, 2017, the annual salary of the judge of the Oregon Tax Court, as ad-

1 **justed under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$8,248.**

2 **(4) On January 1, 2018, the annual salary of the judge of the Oregon Tax Court, as ad-**
3 **justed under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,498.**

4 **(5) On January 1, 2019, the annual salary of the judge of the Oregon Tax Court, as ad-**
5 **justed under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,498.**

6 **SECTION 7. This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
7 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect**
8 **on its passage.**

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