

Enrolled
House Bill 2712

Sponsored by Representatives EVANS, SMITH G; Representatives HARTMAN, WATANABE (Pre-session filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to the Judicial Department; creating new provisions; amending ORS 292.406, 292.411, 292.416 and 292.426; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 292.406 is amended to read:

292.406. (1)(a) The annual salary of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals shall be \$154,040 for the period beginning on January 1, 2019, and ending on June 30, 2020.

(b) On July 1, 2020, the annual salary of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,000.

(c) On July 1, 2025, the annual salary of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals shall be \$220,596.

(d) On July 1, 2027, the annual salary of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals shall be 110 percent of the salary specified in paragraph (c) of this subsection, as adjusted under ORS 292.428.

(2)(a) The annual salary of each other judge of the Court of Appeals shall be \$150,980 for the period beginning on January 1, 2019, and ending on June 30, 2020.

(b) On July 1, 2020, the annual salary of each other judge of the Court of Appeals, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,000.

(c) On July 1, 2025, the annual salary of each other judge of the Court of Appeals shall be \$216,336.

(d) On July 1, 2027, the annual salary of each other judge of the Court of Appeals shall be 110 percent of the salary specified in paragraph (c) of this subsection, as adjusted under ORS 292.428.

SECTION 2. ORS 292.411 is amended to read:

292.411. (1)(a) The annual salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall be \$157,076 for the period beginning on January 1, 2019, and ending on June 30, 2020.

(b) On July 1, 2020, the annual salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,000.

(c) On July 1, 2025, the annual salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall be \$224,784.

(d) On July 1, 2027, the annual salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall be 110 percent of the salary specified in paragraph (c) of this subsection, as adjusted under ORS 292.428.

(2)(a) The annual salary of each other judge of the Supreme Court shall be \$154,040 for the period beginning on January 1, 2019, and ending on June 30, 2020.

(b) On July 1, 2020, the annual salary of each other judge of the Supreme Court, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,000.

(c) On July 1, 2025, the annual salary of each other judge of the Supreme Court shall be \$220,596.

(d) On July 1, 2027, the annual salary of each other judge of the Supreme Court shall be 110 percent of the salary specified in subsection (3) of this section, as adjusted under ORS 292.428.

SECTION 3. ORS 292.416 is amended to read:

292.416. (1) The annual salary of each judge of a circuit court shall be \$142,136 for the period beginning on January 1, 2019, and ending on June 30, 2020.

(2) On July 1, 2020, the annual salary of each judge of a circuit court, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,000.

(3) On July 1, 2025, the annual salary of each judge of a circuit court shall be \$204,060.

(4) On July 1, 2027, the annual salary of each judge of a circuit court shall be 110 percent of the salary specified in subsection (3) of this section, as adjusted under ORS 292.428.

SECTION 4. ORS 292.426 is amended to read:

292.426. (1) The annual salary of the judge of the Oregon Tax Court shall be \$146,048 for the period beginning on January 1, 2019, and ending on June 30, 2020.

(2) On July 1, 2020, the annual salary of the judge of the Oregon Tax Court, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,000.

(3) On July 1, 2025, the annual salary of the judge of the Oregon Tax Court shall be \$209,532.

(4) On July 1, 2027, the annual salary of the judge of the Oregon Tax Court shall be 110 percent of the salary specified in subsection (3) of this section, as adjusted under ORS 292.428.

SECTION 5. (1) In the exercise of administrative authority and supervision over the courts of this state, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court has the authority to take actions and establish rules that promote judicial accountability and fair and accessible justice services, consistent with the mission of the state courts, including the ability to establish:

(a) Judicial education requirements to strengthen the skills, resilience and performance of the members of the Judicial Conference of the State of Oregon;

(b) An ombudsman's office within the office of the State Court Administrator to receive and respond to comments and concerns regarding court experiences;

(c) Rules and standards governing the resolution of concerns regarding judicial performance;

(d) Individualized action plans applicable to judges, including mandatory plans of education, coaching or mentoring; and

(e) Rules regarding the availability or confidentiality of information obtained or generated by the ombudsman's office.

(2) Nothing in this section prevents the Chief Justice or any other individual from referring a matter to the Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability.

SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the General Fund appropriation made to the Judicial Department by section 1 (1), chapter ___, Oregon Laws 2025 (Enrolled House Bill 5012), for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, for judicial compensation, is increased by \$11,328,430 for implementation of the amendments to ORS 292.406, 292.411, 292.416 and 292.426 by sections 1 to 4 of this 2025 Act.

SECTION 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the General Fund appropriation made to the Judicial Department by section 1 (2), chapter ___, Oregon Laws 2025 (Enrolled House Bill 5012), for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, for operations, is increased by \$1,909,655 for implementation of the provisions of section 5 of this 2025 Act.

SECTION 8. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.

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