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HOUSE DRH10216-LL-259 (4/30)

Short Title: Judicial Longevity.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Wilkins.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ENHANCE THE LONGEVITY PAY OF JUDGES AND DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 7A-65(c) reads as rewritten:

13 "(c) In lieu of merit and other increment raises paid to regular State employees, a
14 district attorney shall receive as longevity pay an amount equal to four and eight-tenths
15 percent (4.8%) of the annual salary set forth in the Current Operations Appropriations
16 Act payable monthly after five years of service, and nine and six-tenths percent (9.6%)
17 after 10 years of service, fourteen and four-tenths percent (14.4%) after 15 years of
18 service, ~~and~~ nineteen and two-tenths percent (19.2%) after 20 years of ~~service.~~ service,
19 and twenty-four percent (24%) after 25 years of service. Service shall mean service in
20 the elective position of a district attorney and shall not include service as a deputy or
21 acting district attorney. Service shall also mean service as a justice or judge of the
22 General Court of Justice, clerk of superior court, assistant district attorney, public
23 defender, appellate defender, or assistant public or appellate defender."

24 **SECTION 5.** G.S. 7A-144(b) reads as rewritten:

25 "(b) Notwithstanding merit, longevity and other increment raises paid to regular
26 State employees, a judge of the district court shall receive as longevity pay an annual
27 amount equal to four and eight-tenths percent (4.8%) of the annual salary set forth in the
28 Current Operations Appropriations Act payable monthly after five years of service, nine
29 and six-tenths percent (9.6%) after 10 years of service, fourteen and four-tenths percent
30 (14.4%) after 15 years of service, ~~and~~ nineteen and two-tenths percent (19.2%) after 20
31 years of ~~service.~~ service, and twenty-four percent (24%) after 25 years of service.
32 "Service" means service as a justice or judge of the General Court of Justice or as a
33 member of the Utilities Commission or as director or assistant director of the
34 Administrative Office of the Courts. Service shall also mean service as a district
35 attorney or as a clerk of superior court."

36 **SECTION 6.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.