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SYNOPSIS

Increases annual salary of certain public employees and officers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the annual salary of certain public employees
2 and officers, amending various parts of the statutory law, and
3 supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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5 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. N.J.S.2B:2-4 is amended to read as follows:

9 2B:2-4. Judicial Salaries.

10 Annual salaries of justices and judges beginning on January 1,

11 **[2009]** 2024 and thereafter shall be:

12 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court **[\$192,795]**

13 \$234,191.95

14 Associate Justice of the Supreme Court **[\$185,482]**

15 \$226,292.11

16 Judge of the Superior Court,

17 Appellate Division **[\$175,534]**

18 \$215,545.82

19 Judge of the Superior Court,

20 Assignment Judge **[\$171,731]**

21 \$211,437.65

22 Presiding Judge of the Superior Court;

23 Presiding Judge of the Tax Court

24 \$207, 166.50

25 Judge of the Superior Court;

26 Judge of the Tax Court **[\$165,000]**

27 \$204,166.50

28 **[The annual salaries of justices and judges shall be increased by**
29 **\$8,000 in calendar year 2018. The annual salaries of justices and**
30 **judges set in calendar year 2018, shall be increased by \$8,000,**
31 **beginning on January 1, 2019. The annual salary of justices and**
32 **judges set on January 1, 2019, shall be increased by \$8,000**
33 **beginning on January 1, 2020.]**

34 Beginning on January 1, **[2021]** 2025, and on January 1 of each
35 year for **[four]** two years thereafter, the amount of the annual salary
36 determined for the prior calendar year shall be adjusted annually by
37 the State Treasurer in direct proportion to the percent change in the
38 Consumer Price Index over a 12-month period beginning November
39 1 and ending October 31. For the purpose of this section,
40 "Consumer Price Index" means the Consumer Price Index for All
41 Urban Consumers, New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island
42 Metropolitan Area, All Items (1982-84=100), as published by the
43 Bureau of Labor Statistics in the United States Department of
44 Labor. The State Treasurer shall determine the amount of the

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 adjustment by December 1 of each year and the adjustment shall
2 become effective for payments to be made during the calendar year
3 following the determination, beginning with payments made on or
4 after January 1 of each calendar year. An adjustment in the annual
5 payment shall be made only if the percent change in the Consumer
6 Price Index for the period specified is greater than zero. Such an
7 annual adjustment shall in no event be greater than 2 percent. If the
8 reference base of the index is changed, the index used to determine
9 the Consumer Price Index shall be the index converted to the new
10 base by standard statistical methods. The first adjustment
11 determination shall be made by December 1, **【2020】** 2024 and
12 applicable to payments commencing on January 1, **【2021】** 2025.
13 The **【financial】** final adjustment shall be made on December 1,
14 **【2024】** 2026 and be applicable for payments commencing on
15 January 1, **【2025】** 2027. No further adjustments shall be made
16 thereafter.

17 (cf: P.L.2018, c.14, s.1)

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19 2. Section 1 of P.L.1948, c.16 (C.52:10A-1) is amended to read
20 as follows:

21 1. a. Members of the Senate and General Assembly shall
22 receive annually, during the term for which they shall have been
23 elected and while they shall hold their office, compensation in the
24 sum of **【\$35,000.00 beginning with the 1990 legislative year and**
25 **compensation in the sum of】** \$49,000 beginning with the 2002
26 legislative year and thereafter and \$82,000 beginning with the 2026
27 legislative year and thereafter.

28 The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the General
29 Assembly, each by virtue of his office, shall receive an additional
30 allowance, equal to 1/3 of his compensation as a member. The
31 compensation herein provided shall be paid to each member upon
32 his qualifying into office as such member, and the additional
33 allowance herein provided to the President of the Senate and the
34 Speaker of the General Assembly shall be paid upon his qualifying
35 into office as such officer.

36 b. Each member of the Senate and General Assembly shall be
37 provided with an allowance of \$150,000 during each annual
38 legislative session for member staff services. There shall be
39 appropriated annually to the Legislature, from the general revenues
40 of the State, the amount necessary to provide such an allowance to
41 each member.

42 (cf: P.L.1999, c.380, s.12)

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44 3. Section 3 of P.L.2018, c.14 (C.52:11-5.3) is amended to read
45 as follows:

46 3. a. The annual salary of the executive director of each full
47 time legislative staff operating under the direction of the Senate

1 President, the Speaker of the General Assembly, and the Minority
2 Leaders of each House of the Legislature shall be fixed and
3 established by the President of the Senate and by the Speaker of the
4 General Assembly, as appropriate, for each director in any amount
5 that the President or Speaker determines to be appropriate for that
6 director, but shall not exceed ~~[\$175,000 in]~~ \$210,000 in calendar
7 year ~~[2018]~~ 2024 and thereafter.

8 b. The annual salary of the executive director of the Office of
9 Legislative Services operating under the direction of the Legislative
10 Services Commission shall be fixed and established to be consistent
11 with the annual salary of the executive directors of the full time
12 legislative staff operating under the direction of the Senate
13 President, the Speaker of the General Assembly, and the Minority
14 Leaders of each House of the Legislature, but shall not exceed
15 \$210,000 in calendar year 2024 and thereafter.

16 (cf: P.L.2018, c.14, s.3)

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18 4. Section 1 of P.L.1973, c.357 (C.52:14-15.104c) is amended
19 to read as follows:

20 1. The annual salary of the Governor shall be fixed and
21 established at \$130,000. Beginning with the commencement of the
22 term of office of the Governor inaugurated in January of 2002 and
23 thereafter, the annual salary of the Governor shall be fixed and
24 established at \$175,000. Beginning with the commencement of the
25 term of office of the Governor inaugurated in January of 2026 and
26 thereafter, the annual salary of the Governor shall be fixed and
27 established at \$210,000.

28 (cf: P.L.1999, c.380, s.1)

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30 5. Section 1 of P.L.1974, c.55 (C.52:14-15.107) is amended to
31 read as follows:

32 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of the annual appropriations
33 act and section 7 of P.L.1974, c.55 (C.52:14-15.110), the annual
34 salary for each of the following officers shall be ~~[\$175,000]~~
35 \$210,000 in calendar year ~~[2018]~~ 2024 and thereafter:

36 Title
37 Agriculture Department
38 Secretary of Agriculture
39 Children and Families Department
40 Commissioner of Children and Families
41 Community Affairs Department
42 Commissioner of Community Affairs
43 Corrections Department
44 Commissioner of Corrections
45 Education Department
46 Commissioner of Education
47 Environmental Protection Department
48 Commissioner of Environmental Protection

1 Health Department
2 Commissioner of Health
3 Human Services Department
4 Commissioner of Human Services
5 Banking and Insurance Department
6 Commissioner of Banking and Insurance
7 Labor and Workforce Development Department
8 Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development
9 Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission
10 Law and Public Safety Department
11 Attorney General
12 Colonel and Superintendent, State Police
13 Director of the Office of Homeland Security and
14 Preparedness
15 Military and Veterans' Affairs Department
16 Adjutant General
17 State Department
18 Secretary of State
19 Secretary of Higher Education
20 Transportation Department
21 Commissioner of Transportation
22 Chief Administrator, New Jersey Motor Vehicle
23 Commission
24 Treasury Department
25 State Treasurer
26 State Comptroller
27 Chief Technology Officer
28 Members, Board of Public Utilities
29 (cf: P.L.2018, c.14, s.2)
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31 6. Section 2 of P.L.1974, c.55 (C.52:14-15.108) is amended to
32 read as follows:
33 2. The salary ranges for the following positions shall be as
34 established by the Civil Service Commission with the approval of
35 the Director, Division of Budget and Accounting. The salary rate
36 for any such position shall be the salary step in such range next
37 above the salary currently being paid; provided, however, that any
38 sums appropriated for salaries may be made available for salary
39 adjustments therein arising from various exigencies of the State
40 service and for normal merit salary increments as the Civil Service
41 Commission, the State Treasurer and the Director of the Division of
42 Budget and Accounting shall determine; and provided, further, that
43 nothing in this act shall reduce the salary rate for any such position
44 below that which is being paid on the effective date of this act:
45 Community Affairs Department
46 Assistant Commissioner of Community Affairs
47 Director, Division of State and Regional Planning
48 Director, Division of Local Government Services

1 Director, Division of Housing and Urban Renewal
2 Director, Office of Aging Programs
3 Director, Office on Women
4 Environmental Protection Department
5 Director, Division of Water Resources
6 Director, Division of Parks and Forestry
7 Director of Fish, Game and Shell Fisheries
8 Director, Division of Marine Services
9 Director, Division of Environmental Quality
10 Health **and Senior Services** Department
11 Director, Division of Narcotic and Drug Abuse Control
12 Chief State Medical Examiner
13 Corrections Department
14 Chairman, State Parole Board
15 Associate Member, State Parole Board
16 Public Defender
17 Labor and Workforce Development Department
18 Director, Workplace Standards
19 Law and Public Safety Department
20 **Colonel and Superintendent, State Police**
21 Director, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control
22 State Superintendent of Weights and Measures
23 Public Utilities Department
24 Director, Office of Cable Television
25 Executive Director, Public Broadcasting
26 State Department
27 Transportation Department
28 Assistant Commissioner for Highways
29 Assistant Commissioner for Public Transportation
30 **Chief Administrator, New Jersey Motor Vehicle**
31 **Commission**
32 Treasury Department
33 Director, Division of Budget and Accounting
34 Director, Division of Taxation
35 Director, Division of Purchase and Property
36 Director, Division of Pensions and Benefits
37 Director, Division of State Lottery.
38 (cf: P.L.2018, c.62, s.48)
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40 7. (New section) The Lieutenant Governor, serving as the head
41 of a principal department otherwise eligible to a salary adjustment
42 pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1974, c.55 (C.52:14-15.107) as
43 amended by P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
44 shall be ineligible for such salary adjustment until the
45 commencement of the term of office of the Governor and
46 Lieutenant Governor inaugurated in January of 2026.
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9. This act shall take effect immediately.

The bill adds the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission, the Colonel and Superintendent of the State Police, the Director of

1 the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, the Secretary of
2 Higher Education, the Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle
3 Commission, the State Comptroller, and the Chief Technology
4 Officer to the officers receiving the statutorily designated salary.
5 The bill also removes the Colonel and Superintendent of the State
6 Police and the Chief Administrator of the Motor Vehicle
7 Commission from the officers whose salaries are determined by the
8 Civil Service Commission.

9 The bill specifies that the Lieutenant Governor, serving as the
10 head of a principal department, will be ineligible for a salary
11 increase until the commencement of the term of office of the
12 Governor and Lieutenant Governor inaugurated in January of 2026.

13 Finally, the bill determines that amounts received by the State
14 from the federal Emergency Management Performance Grant
15 Program allowable for the salary costs of the Superintendent of the
16 State Police will be paid to the Superintendent of the State Police as
17 supplemental compensation in addition to the annual salary
18 established in statute.