

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE BILL NO. 188

BY SENATOR MARTINY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

JUDGES. Provides for salaries of judges as recommended by the Judicial Compensation Commission. (See Act)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:50, relative to certain judicial salaries; to provide for salary increases for
3 judges of the supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, city courts, and parish
4 courts as recommended by the Judicial Compensation Commission; and to provide
5 for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:50 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§50. Salary as recommended by the Judicial Compensation Commission**

9 **Pursuant to the Judicial Compensation Commission's report dated**
10 **January 9, 2013:**

11 **(1)(a) Effective July 1, 2013, the actual salary of the judges of the**
12 **supreme court, courts of appeal, and district courts shall be increased as**
13 **follows:**

14 **(i) Supreme court – five and one-half percent.**

15 **(ii) Courts of appeal – three and seven-tenths percent.**

16 **(iii) District courts – four percent.**

17 **(b) The actual salary of the judges of the supreme court, courts of**

1 **appeal, and district courts shall be increased by two and one-tenth percent on**
 2 **July first of 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.**

3 **(2)(a) Effective July 1, 2013, the state-paid actual salary of the judges of**
 4 **city courts and parish courts shall be increased by four percent.**

5 **(b) The state-paid actual salary of the judges of city courts and parish**
 6 **courts shall be increased by two and one-tenth percent on July first of 2014,**
 7 **2015, 2016, and 2017.**

8 Section 2. Any salary adjustments resulting from this Act shall only apply to judges
 9 and shall not apply to any other public officer whose salary is set in accordance with the
 10 judge's salary.

11 Section 3. The provisions of Section 1 of this Act shall only become effective in the
 12 event that any salary increases conform to the appropriation provided in House Bill No. 691
 13 of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature.

14 Section 4. The provisions of Sections 3 and 4 shall become effective upon signature
 15 by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to
 16 become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the
 17 Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the
 18 legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument was prepared by Michelle Ducharme. The following
 digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was
 prepared by Cathy R. Wells.

DIGEST

Martiny (SB 188)

Proposed law provides that effective July 1, 2013, the actual salary of the judges of the
 supreme court, courts of appeal, and district courts shall be increased as follows:

- (1) Supreme court - 5.5%.
- (2) Courts of appeal - 3.7%.
- (3) District court - 4%.

Proposed law provides that the actual salary of the judges of the supreme court, courts of
 appeal, and district courts shall be increased by 2.1% on July 1st of 2014, 2015, 2016, and
 2017.

Proposed law provides that effective July 1, 2013, the state-paid actual salary of city court

and parish court judges shall be increased by 4%.

Proposed law provides that the state-paid salary of city court and parish court judges shall be increased by 2.1% on July 1st of 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Section of proposed law containing salary increases shall be effective only in the event that any salary increases conform to the judicial appropriation bill. Other sections of proposed law effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

Provides that any salary adjustment resulting from proposed law shall be limited to judges and prohibits a salary increase for any other public official whose compensation is set in accordance with judges' salaries.

(Adds R.S. 13:50)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill

1. Revises effective date to provide that section of proposed law containing salary increases shall be effective only in the event that any salary increases conform to the judicial appropriation bill.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to reengrossed bill

1. Limits salary increases to judges and prohibits a salary increase for any other public official whose compensation is set in accordance with judges salaries.