

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 25, 2015

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 548

6 By: Sykes

7 [judicial officers - legislative approval of changes
8 - compensation of certain judicial officers - existing
9 available funds - effective date]

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 3.1, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 3.1. A. Except as otherwise provided by the Board on
14 Judicial Compensation, the following judicial officers shall receive
15 compensation for their services, payable monthly as follows:

16 1. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall receive an
17 annual salary of ~~One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred~~
18 ~~Seventy-one Dollars (\$117,571.00)~~ One Hundred Fifty-five Thousand
19 Eight Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$155,820.00); and

20 2. An Associate Justice of the Supreme Court shall receive an
21 annual salary of ~~One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-~~
22 ~~one Dollars (\$113,571.00)~~ One Hundred Forty-five Thousand Nine
23 Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$145,914.00).

1 B. Any increase in salary provided for in subsection A of this
2 section must be paid from existing available funds.

3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 3.2, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 3.2. A. There is hereby created the Board on Judicial
6 Compensation. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 of Article
7 VII of the Oklahoma Constitution, members of the State Judiciary
8 shall receive compensation as shall be fixed by the Board on
9 Judicial Compensation as provided in ~~this act~~ Section 3.1 et seq. of
10 this title, unless if such compensation is ~~rejected~~ approved, or
11 amended and approved, by law passed by a majority vote of each house
12 of the Legislature. If the Governor vetoes such a law, the
13 procedure shall be the same as for the veto of any other bill or
14 joint resolution.

15 B. The Board shall be composed of seven (7) members. Two
16 members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
17 Senate, two members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House
18 of Representatives, two members shall be appointed by the Governor,
19 and one member shall be appointed by the Chief Justice of the
20 Supreme Court. The members appointed by the President Pro Tempore
21 of the Senate shall be from labor and civic organizations. The
22 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
23 shall be from communications media and retail business. The members
24 appointed by the Governor shall be from manufacturing and

1 professional fields not otherwise specified. The member appointed
2 by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall be from agriculture.
3 No more than four members shall be from any one political party. No
4 active or retired judge or attorney practicing law in any state may
5 serve on the Board on Judicial Compensation.

6 C. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide such
7 staff and support as is necessary for the Board on Judicial
8 Compensation to carry out its duties. Requests from the Board for
9 staff and support shall be coordinated through the Office of the
10 Administrative Director of the Courts.

11 D. The members of the Board shall serve terms which run
12 concurrently with the terms of the respective appointing authorities
13 and shall serve at their pleasure.

14 E. The members of the Board shall select a chair and secretary
15 and such other officers as they deem necessary.

16 F. Members of the Board shall serve without compensation but
17 shall be reimbursed by their appointing authority for all actual and
18 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in
19 accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

20 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 3.3, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 3.3. A. The Board on Judicial Compensation shall meet
23 on the third Tuesday of September in every odd-numbered year in the
24 Administrative Office of the Courts, at which meeting the Board

1 shall review the compensation paid to members of the State Judiciary
2 and, if necessary, change the compensation. In its review, the
3 Board shall consider various factors, including judicial
4 compensation in other states, with an emphasis on states within the
5 region, the value of comparable services performed in the private
6 sector, compensation of attorneys in the private and public sectors,
7 compensation of other state, county and municipal public officials,
8 and changes in the cost of living. The Board may, at the call of
9 the chair or upon a majority vote of its membership, hold such
10 additional meetings as are necessary to carry out its official
11 duties. Any change in judicial compensation shall be made by the
12 Board not later than the third Tuesday of November in said odd-
13 numbered year. Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum
14 and a majority vote of the quorum shall be necessary for the Board
15 to act.

16 B. Any change in judicial compensation, ~~unless rejected or~~
17 ~~amended as provided for in Section 2 of this act~~ if approved, or
18 amended and approved, by the Legislature as provided in Section 3.2
19 of this title, shall become effective on July 1 of the following
20 calendar year. Any amendment passed by a majority vote of each
21 house of the Legislature shall become effective as provided by ~~said~~
22 such amendment unless vetoed by the Governor.

23 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 30.2A, is
24 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 30.2A. A. Except as otherwise provided by the Board on
2 Judicial Compensation, the following judicial officers shall receive
3 compensation for their services, payable monthly as follows:

4 1. The Presiding Judge of the Court of Civil Appeals shall
5 receive an annual salary of ~~One Hundred Nine Thousand Seven Hundred~~
6 ~~Thirty-one Dollars (\$109,731.00)~~ One Hundred Forty Thousand Seven
7 Hundred Ninety-five Dollars (\$140,795.00); and

8 2. A Judge of the Court of Civil Appeals shall receive an
9 annual salary of ~~One Hundred Eight Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-six~~
10 ~~Dollars (\$108,336.00)~~ One Hundred Thirty-eight Thousand Two Hundred
11 Thirty-five Dollars (\$138,235.00).

12 B. Any increase in salary provided for in subsection A of this
13 section must be paid from existing available funds.

14 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 31.2, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 31.2. A. Except as otherwise provided by the Board on
17 Judicial Compensation, the following judicial officers shall receive
18 compensation for their services, payable monthly as follows:

19 1. The Presiding Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals shall
20 receive an annual salary of ~~One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Five~~
21 ~~Hundred Seventy-one Dollars (\$117,571.00)~~ One Hundred Fifty-one
22 Thousand Thirty-four Dollars (\$151,034.00); and

23 2. A Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals shall receive an
24 annual salary of ~~One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-~~

1 ~~one Dollars (\$113,571.00)~~ One Hundred Forty-five Thousand Nine
2 Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$145,914.00).

3 B. Any increase in salary provided for in subsection A of this
4 section must be paid from existing available funds.

5 SECTION 6. This act shall become effective in accordance with
6 the provisions of Section 58 of Article V of the Oklahoma
7 Constitution.

8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
9 February 25, 2015 - DO PASS AS AMENDED

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