

Judicial Branch Appropriations Bill

Senate File 2436

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An Act relating to and making appropriations to the Judicial Branch, including by modifying the Judicial Retirement Fund and membership of district judicial nominating commissions, and including effective date provisions.

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NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)

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FUNDING SUMMARY

General Fund FY 2025: Appropriates a total of \$216.2 million from the General Fund to the Judicial Branch for FY 2025. This is an increase of \$3.7 million compared to estimated FY 2024. The appropriations include the following:

- \$197.0 million for general operations within the Judicial Branch.
- \$3.6 million to the Jury Witness Fee Revolving Fund.
- \$3.3 million for court-ordered services.
- \$12.3 million for juvenile delinquent graduated sanctions services.

The Judicial Branch has 1,896.1 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions that are not appropriated in this Bill. This is no change in FTE positions compared to estimated FY 2024.

MAJOR INCREASES/DECREASES/TRANSFERS OF EXISTING PROGRAMS

Judicial Branch: Appropriates \$197.0 million to the Judicial Branch for operations. This is an increase of \$3.7 million compared to estimated FY 2024. The changes include the following:

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- An increase of \$2.1 million for general operations within the Judicial Branch.
- An increase of \$1.0 million for judicial officer salaries.
- An increase of \$574,000 for estimated health insurance premium increases.

Requires the Judicial Branch to increase the annual salary rates of all judges and magistrates to the amounts specified in the Bill starting in FY 2025. Requires that the salaries be paid from funds appropriated to the Judicial Branch pursuant to this Bill or any other Act of the General Assembly.

Page 6, Line 1

STUDIES AND INTENT

Intent

Prohibits the Judicial Branch from duplicating current State payroll, budgeting, and accounting systems, except for the implementation of an internal accounting and recordkeeping system.

Page 3, Line 24

Requires the Judicial Branch to focus efforts on collecting delinquent fines and fees.

Page 4, Line 5

Specifies that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the offices of the clerks of the district court operate in all 99 counties and be accessible to the public as much as is reasonably possible to address the relative needs of the citizens of each county. Requires that an office of the clerk of the district court be open during regular courthouse hours.

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Permits parties to a civil case, including a jury trial, to move the case to a contiguous county during FY 2025 if all parties in a case agree, even if the contiguous county is located in an adjacent judicial district. Specifies that if the trial is moved to an adjacent judicial district, the judicial officers within the adjacent district must preside over the case. Page 5, Line 3

Permits the Supreme Court to order judicial officers to take unpaid leave in the same manner as noncontract employees of the Judicial Branch during FY 2025. Page 5, Line 17

Specifies that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Judicial Branch use the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) or other secure electronic communications instead of traveling during FY 2025. Page 5, Line 31

Required Reports

Requires the Judicial Branch to submit monthly financial statements for all appropriated accounts to the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) and to the Department of Management (DOM). Specifies the format and content to be included in the financial statements. Page 3, Line 30

Requires the Judicial Branch to notify the LSA prior to any intradepartmental transfer of funds and specifies the contents to be included in the notice. Page 4, Line 14

Requires the Judicial Branch to provide a semiannual report to the LSA specifying the amounts of fines, surcharges, and court costs collected using the Iowa Court Information System (ICIS). Requires the Judicial Branch to continue to share vital sentencing and other information with other State departments and government agencies involved with the criminal justice system through the ICIS. Page 4, Line 23

Requires the Judicial Branch to provide a report by January 1, 2025, specifying funds received and expended from the Court Technology and Modernization Fund during FY 2024 and the plans for expenditures from each fund during FY 2025. Page 4, Line 31

SIGNIFICANT CODE CHANGES

Requires appropriations to be distributed among the judicial districts, as determined by the State Court Administrator, by June 15, 2024. Page 2, Line 16

Prohibits a district or juvenile court from ordering any service that is a charge to the State pursuant to Iowa Code section [232.141](#) if there are insufficient funds to pay for the service. Requires the Chief Juvenile Court Page 2, Line 22

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
JUDICIAL BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL

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Officer to use the funds in a manner that will cover the entire fiscal year and permits funds to be transferred between districts.

Prohibits a district or juvenile court from ordering a county to pay for a service provided to a juvenile that is chargeable to the State under Iowa Code section [232.141](#)(4).

Page 3, Line 1

Permits a judicial officer to waive travel reimbursement for any official judicial business travel outside the county of residence of the judicial officer during FY 2025.

Page 5, Line 12

Modifies the Judicial Retirement Fund contribution rates.

Page 7, Line 11

Modifies membership of the district judicial nominating commissions.

Page 8, Line 21

EFFECTIVE DATE

Provides that Section 6 of the Bill takes effect June 21, 2024.

Page 7, Line 6

1 1 DIVISION I
 1 2 FY 2024-2025 APPROPRIATIONS

1 3 Section 1. JUDICIAL BRANCH.

1 4 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
 1 5 to the judicial branch for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
 1 6 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the following amounts, or so
 1 7 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes
 1 8 designated:

1 9 a. For salaries of supreme court justices, appellate court
 1 10 judges, district court judges, district associate judges,
 1 11 associate juvenile judges, associate probate judges, judicial
 1 12 magistrates and staff, state court administrator, clerk of
 1 13 the supreme court, district court administrators, clerks of
 1 14 the district court, juvenile court officers, board of law
 1 15 examiners, board of examiners of shorthand reporters, and
 1 16 commission on judicial qualifications; receipt and disbursement
 1 17 of child support payments; reimbursement of the auditor
 1 18 of state for expenses incurred in completing audits of the
 1 19 offices of the clerks of the district court during the fiscal
 1 20 year beginning July 1, 2024; and maintenance, equipment, and
 1 21 miscellaneous purposes:
 1 22 \$ 197,009,531

1 23 Of the moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph,
 1 24 no more than \$250,000 is allocated for reimbursement to the
 1 25 indigent defense fund created in section 815.11 for travel time
 1 26 claims as required under section 815.7A, subsection 2.

1 27 b. For deposit in the revolving fund created pursuant to
 1 28 section 602.1302, subsection 3, for jury and witness fees,
 1 29 mileage, costs related to summoning jurors, costs and fees for
 1 30 interpreters and translators, and reimbursement of attorney
 1 31 fees paid by the state public defender:
 1 32 \$ 3,600,000

1 33 c. For payment of expenses for court-ordered services
 1 34 provided to juveniles who are under the supervision of juvenile
 1 35 court services, which expenses are a charge upon the state
 2 1 pursuant to section 232.141, subsection 4:

General Fund appropriation to the Judicial Branch for operations.

DETAIL: This is a increase of \$3,658,981 compared to estimated FY 2024. This change includes:

- An increase of \$2,085,363 for general operations within the Judicial Branch.
- An increase of \$1,000,000 for judicial officer salaries.
- An increase of \$573,618 for estimated health insurance premium increases.

NOTE: The full-time equivalent (FTE) positions for the Judicial Branch are not appropriated in this Bill but can be found within the FTE positions tracking spreadsheet attached to this document.

Allocates no more than \$250,000 for reimbursement to the Indigent Defense Fund for travel time claims as required under Iowa Code section [815.7A](#)(2).

General Fund appropriation to the Jury and Witness Fee Revolving Fund for the reimbursement of juror and witness fees, mileage, costs, and reimbursement of attorney fees paid by the Office of the State Public Defender.

DETAIL: This is no change compared to estimated FY 2024.

General Fund appropriation to the Judicial Branch for court-ordered services.

DETAIL: This is no change compared to estimated FY 2024.

2 2 \$ 3,290,000

2 3 (1) Of the moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph,
 2 4 no more than \$1,556,000 is allocated to provide school-based
 2 5 supervision of children under chapter 232, of which no more
 2 6 than \$15,000 may be used for purposes of training. A portion
 2 7 of the cost of each school-based liaison officer shall be paid
 2 8 by the school district or other funding source as approved by
 2 9 the chief juvenile court officer.

Allocates no more than \$1,556,000 for school-based supervision of delinquent children, of which \$15,000 may be used for training. A portion of the cost for school-based liaisons is required to be paid by school districts.

DETAIL: This is no change compared to estimated FY 2024.

2 10 (2) Of the moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph,
 2 11 no more than \$748,000 is allocated for the payment of expenses
 2 12 for court-ordered services provided to children who are under
 2 13 the supervision of the department of health and human services,
 2 14 which expenses are a charge upon the state pursuant to section
 2 15 232.141, subsection 4.

Allocates no more than \$748,000 for the payment of expenses for court-ordered services provided to children who are under the supervision of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

DETAIL: This is no change compared to estimated FY 2024.

2 16 (3) Notwithstanding section 232.141 or any other provision
 2 17 of law to the contrary, the moneys appropriated in this
 2 18 lettered paragraph shall be distributed to the judicial
 2 19 districts as determined by the state court administrator. The
 2 20 state court administrator shall make the determination of the
 2 21 distribution amounts on or before June 15, 2024.

CODE: Requires appropriations to be distributed among the judicial districts, as determined by the State Court Administrator, by June 15, 2024.

2 22 (4) Notwithstanding chapter 232 or any other provision of
 2 23 law to the contrary, a district or juvenile court shall not
 2 24 order any service which is a charge upon the state pursuant
 2 25 to section 232.141 if there are insufficient court-ordered
 2 26 services moneys available in the district court distribution
 2 27 amounts to pay for the service. The chief juvenile court
 2 28 officer shall encourage use of the moneys appropriated in this
 2 29 lettered paragraph such that there are sufficient moneys to pay
 2 30 for all court-ordered services during the entire fiscal year.
 2 31 The chief juvenile court officer shall attempt to anticipate
 2 32 potential surpluses and shortfalls in the distribution amounts
 2 33 and shall cooperatively request the state court administrator
 2 34 to transfer moneys between the judicial districts' distribution
 2 35 amounts as prudent.

CODE: Prohibits a district or juvenile court from ordering any service that is a charge to the State pursuant to Iowa Code section [232.141](#) if there are insufficient funds to pay for the service. Requires the Chief Juvenile Court Officer to use the funds in a manner that will cover the entire fiscal year and permits funds to be transferred between districts.

3 1 (5) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
 3 2 a district or juvenile court shall not order a county to pay
 3 3 for any service provided to a juvenile pursuant to an order

CODE: Prohibits a district or juvenile court from ordering a county to pay for a service provided to a juvenile that is chargeable to the State under Iowa Code section [232.141](#)(4).

3 4 entered under chapter 232 which is a charge upon the state
 3 5 under section 232.141, subsection 4.

3 6 (6) Of the moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph,
 3 7 no more than \$83,000 may be used by the judicial branch
 3 8 for administration of the requirements under this lettered
 3 9 paragraph.

Allocates no more than \$83,000 to the Judicial Branch for administration related to court-ordered services.

DETAIL: This is no change compared to estimated FY 2024.

3 10 (7) Of the moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph,
 3 11 \$23,000 is allocated to the judicial branch to support the
 3 12 interstate commission for juveniles in accordance with the
 3 13 interstate compact for juveniles as provided in section
 3 14 232.173.

Allocates \$23,000 to the Judicial Branch to be used to support the Interstate Commission for Juveniles in accordance with the Interstate Compact for Juveniles.

DETAIL: This is no change compared to estimated FY 2024.

3 15 d. For juvenile delinquent graduated sanctions services
 3 16 pursuant to section 232.192:
 3 17 \$ 12,253,000

General Fund appropriation to the Judicial Branch for juvenile delinquent graduated sanctions services.

DETAIL: This is no change compared to estimated FY 2024.

3 18 Any state moneys saved as a result of efforts by juvenile
 3 19 court services to earn a federal fund match pursuant to Tit.
 3 20 IV-E of the federal Family First Prevention Services Act
 3 21 of 2018, Pub.L.No.115-123, for juvenile court services
 3 22 administration is appropriated to the judicial branch for
 3 23 purposes of this lettered paragraph.

Appropriates to the Judicial Branch any moneys saved as a result of efforts by Juvenile Court Services to earn a federal fund match pursuant to Tit. IV-E of the federal [Family First Prevention Services Act](#) for Juvenile Court Services administration.

3 24 2. The judicial branch, except for purposes of internal
 3 25 processing, shall use the current state budget system, the
 3 26 state payroll system, and the Iowa finance and accounting
 3 27 system in administration of programs and payments for services,
 3 28 and shall not duplicate the state payroll, accounting, and
 3 29 budgeting systems.

Prohibits the Judicial Branch from duplicating current State payroll, budgeting, and accounting systems, except for the implementation of an internal accounting and recordkeeping system.

3 30 3. The judicial branch shall submit monthly financial
 3 31 statements to the legislative services agency and the
 3 32 department of management containing all appropriated accounts
 3 33 in the same manner as provided in the monthly financial status
 3 34 reports and personal services usage reports of the department
 3 35 of administrative services. The monthly financial statements
 4 1 shall include a comparison of the dollars and percentage
 4 2 spent of budgeted versus actual revenues and expenditures on

Requires the Judicial Branch to submit monthly financial statements for all appropriated accounts to the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) and to the Department of Management (DOM). Specifies the format and content to be included in the financial statements.

<p>4 3 a cumulative basis for full-time equivalent positions and 4 4 dollars.</p>	
<p>4 5 4. The judicial branch shall focus efforts upon the 4 6 collection of delinquent fines, penalties, court costs, fees, 4 7 surcharges, or similar amounts.</p>	<p>Requires the Judicial Branch to focus efforts on collecting delinquent fines and fees.</p>
<p>4 8 5. It is the intent of the general assembly that the offices 4 9 of the clerks of the district court operate in all 99 counties 4 10 and be accessible to the public as much as is reasonably 4 11 possible in order to address the relative needs of the citizens 4 12 of each county. An office of the clerk of the district court 4 13 shall be open regular courthouse hours.</p>	<p>Specifies that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the offices of the clerks of the district court operate in all 99 counties and be accessible to the public as much as is reasonably possible to address the relative needs of the citizens of each county. Requires that an office of the clerk of the district court be open during regular courthouse hours.</p>
<p>4 14 6. In addition to the requirements for transfers under 4 15 section 8.39, the judicial branch shall not change the 4 16 appropriations from the amounts appropriated to the judicial 4 17 branch in this division of this Act, unless notice of the 4 18 revisions is given to the legislative services agency prior 4 19 to the effective date. The notice shall include information 4 20 on the judicial branch's rationale for making the changes and 4 21 details concerning the workload and performance measures upon 4 22 which the changes are based.</p>	<p>Requires the Judicial Branch to notify the LSA prior to any intradepartmental transfer of funds and specifies the contents to be included in the notice.</p>
<p>4 23 7. The judicial branch shall submit a semiannual update 4 24 to the legislative services agency specifying the amounts of 4 25 fines, surcharges, and court costs collected using the Iowa 4 26 court information system since the last report. The judicial 4 27 branch shall continue to facilitate the sharing of vital 4 28 sentencing and other information with other state departments 4 29 and governmental agencies involved in the criminal justice 4 30 system through the Iowa court information system.</p>	<p>Requires the Judicial Branch to provide a semiannual report to the LSA specifying the amounts of fines, surcharges, and court costs collected using the Iowa Court Information System (ICIS). Requires the Judicial Branch to continue to share vital sentencing and other information with other State departments and government agencies involved with the criminal justice system through the ICIS.</p>
<p>4 31 8. The judicial branch shall provide a report to the general 4 32 assembly by January 1, 2025, concerning the amounts received 4 33 and expended from the court technology and modernization fund 4 34 created in section 602.8108, subsection 7, during the fiscal 4 35 year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, and the 5 1 plans for expenditures from each fund during the fiscal year 5 2 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.</p>	<p>Requires the Judicial Branch to provide a report by January 1, 2025, specifying the amounts received and expended from the Court Technology and Modernization Fund during FY 2024 and the plans for expenditures from each fund during FY 2025.</p>
<p>5 3 Sec. 2. CIVIL TRIALS — LOCATION. Notwithstanding any</p>	<p>Permits parties to a civil case, including a jury trial, to move the case</p>

5 4 provision to the contrary, for the fiscal year beginning July
 5 5 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, if all parties in a case
 5 6 agree, a civil trial including a jury trial may take place in a
 5 7 county contiguous to the county with proper jurisdiction, even
 5 8 if the contiguous county is located in an adjacent judicial
 5 9 district or judicial election district. If the trial is moved
 5 10 pursuant to this section, court personnel shall treat the case
 5 11 as if a change of venue occurred.

to a contiguous county during FY 2025 if all parties in a case agree, even if the contiguous county is located in an adjacent judicial district. Specifies that if the trial is moved to an adjacent judicial district, the judicial officers within the adjacent district must preside over the case.

5 12 Sec. 3. TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT. Notwithstanding section
 5 13 602.1509, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and
 5 14 ending June 30, 2025, a judicial officer may waive travel
 5 15 reimbursement for any travel outside the judicial officer's
 5 16 county of residence to conduct official judicial business.

CODE: Permits a judicial officer to waive travel reimbursement for any official judicial business travel outside the county of residence of the judicial officer during FY 2025.

5 17 Sec. 4. JUDICIAL OFFICER — UNPAID LEAVE. Notwithstanding
 5 18 the annual salary rates for judicial officers established by
 5 19 this division of this Act, for the fiscal year beginning July
 5 20 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, the supreme court may by
 5 21 order place all judicial officers on unpaid leave status on any
 5 22 day employees of the judicial branch are placed on temporary
 5 23 layoff status. The biweekly pay of the judicial officers shall
 5 24 be reduced accordingly for the pay period in which the unpaid
 5 25 leave date occurred in the same manner as for noncontract
 5 26 employees of the judicial branch. Through the course of the
 5 27 fiscal year, the judicial branch may use an amount equal to
 5 28 the aggregate amount of salary reductions due to the judicial
 5 29 officer unpaid leave days for any purpose other than for
 5 30 judicial salaries.

Permits the Supreme Court to order judicial officers to take unpaid leave in the same manner as noncontract employees of the Judicial Branch during FY 2025.

5 31 Sec. 5. IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK. It is the intent
 5 32 of the general assembly that the judicial branch utilize
 5 33 the Iowa communications network or other secure electronic
 5 34 communications in lieu of traveling for the fiscal year
 5 35 beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025.

Specifies that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Judicial Branch use the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) or other secure electronic communications instead of traveling during FY 2025.

6 1 Sec. 6. SALARIES — STATE COURT JUSTICES, JUDGES, AND
 6 2 MAGISTRATES.
 6 3 1. The salary rates specified in subsection 2 are for the
 6 4 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, effective for the pay
 6 5 period beginning June 21, 2024, and for subsequent fiscal
 6 6 years until otherwise provided by the general assembly. The

Requires the Judicial Branch to increase the annual salary rates of all judges and magistrates to the amounts specified in the Bill starting in FY 2025 for the pay period beginning June 21, 2024. Requires that the salaries provided for in this Section be paid from moneys appropriated to the Judicial Branch pursuant to this Bill or any other Act of the General Assembly.

6 7 salaries provided for in this section shall be paid from moneys
6 8 appropriated to the judicial branch pursuant to this division
6 9 of this Act or any other Act of the general assembly.
6 10 2. The following annual salary rates shall be paid to the
6 11 persons holding the judicial positions indicated during the
6 12 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, effective with the pay
6 13 period beginning June 21, 2024, and for subsequent pay periods:

6 14 a. Chief justice of the supreme court:	
6 15	\$ 200,034
6 16 b. Each justice of the supreme court:	
6 17	\$ 191,069
6 18 c. Chief judge of the court of appeals:	
6 19	\$ 179,130
6 20 d. Each associate judge of the court of appeals:	
6 21	\$ 173,160
6 22 e. Each chief judge of a judicial district:	
6 23	\$ 167,190
6 24 f. Each district judge except the chief judge of a judicial 6 25 district:	
6 26	\$ 161,221
6 27 g. Each district associate judge:	
6 28	\$ 143,312
6 29 h. Each associate juvenile judge:	
6 30	\$ 143,312
6 31 i. Each associate probate judge:	
6 32	\$ 143,312
6 33 j. Each judicial magistrate:	
6 34	\$ 44,179
6 35 k. Each senior judge:	
7 1	\$ 9,547

7 2 3. Persons receiving salary rates established under this
7 3 section shall not receive any additional salary adjustments
7 4 provided by this division of this Act or any other Act of the
7 5 general assembly.

7 6 Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. The section of this division of
7 7 this Act enacting salaries for state court justices, judges,
7 8 and magistrates takes effect June 21, 2024.

DIVISION II
JUDICIAL RETIREMENT FUND

DETAIL: The FY 2025 salary rate increase in this Section is 2.00%.
The estimated cost of a 2.00% salary increase for all judges and
magistrates is \$1,000,000. The most recent salary increase for all
judicial officers was 2.00% in FY 2023.

NOTE: All judicial salaries are currently determined by the General
Assembly, as required by Iowa Code sections [602.1501](#) and [602.9204](#)
(1)(a). The current judicial salary levels, as set in FY 2023, are as
follows:

Supreme Court

- Chief Justice: \$196,106
- Justices: \$187,326

Court of Appeals

- Chief Judge: \$175,619
- Judges: \$169,765

District Court

- Chief Judge: \$163,910
- District Judges: \$158,056
- District, Juvenile, and Probate Associates: \$140,495
- Magistrates: \$43,318
- Senior Judges: \$9,366

Provides that Section 6 of the Bill takes effect June 21, 2024.

7 11 Sec. 8. Section 602.9104, subsection 4, Code 2024, is
7 12 amended to read as follows:

7 13 4. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
7 14 requires:

7 15 a. ~~“Actuarial valuation” means an actuarial valuation of the~~
7 16 ~~judicial retirement system or an annual actuarial update of an~~
7 17 ~~actuarial valuation, as required pursuant to section 602.9116.~~

7 18 ~~b. “Fully funded status” means that the most recent~~
7 19 ~~actuarial valuation reflects that the funded status of the~~
7 20 ~~system is at least one hundred percent, based upon the benefits~~
7 21 ~~provided for judges through the judicial retirement system as~~
7 22 ~~of July 1, 2006.~~

7 23 ~~c. “Judge’s required contribution” means an amount equal~~
7 24 ~~to the basic salary of the judge multiplied by the following~~
7 25 ~~applicable percentage:~~

7 26 ~~(1) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending~~
7 27 ~~June 30, 2009, seven and seven-tenths percent.~~

7 28 ~~(2) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, and ending~~
7 29 ~~June 30, 2010, eight and seven-tenths percent.~~

7 30 ~~(3) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, and for each~~
7 31 ~~subsequent fiscal year until the system attains fully funded~~
7 32 ~~status, nine and thirty-five hundredths percent.~~

7 33 ~~(4) Commencing with the first fiscal year in which the~~
7 34 ~~system attains fully funded status, and for each subsequent~~
7 35 ~~fiscal year, the percentage rate equal to forty percent of the~~
8 1 ~~required contribution percentage rate equal to thirty-five~~
8 2 ~~percent of the required contribution rate.~~

8 3 ~~d. b. “Required contribution rate” means that percentage~~
8 4 ~~of the basic salary of all judges covered under this article~~
8 5 ~~equal to the actuarially required contribution rate determined~~
8 6 ~~by the actuary pursuant to section 602.9116. The required~~
8 7 ~~contribution rate shall not vary by more than one percentage~~
8 8 ~~point from the required contribution rate for the prior fiscal~~
8 9 ~~year.~~

8 10 ~~e. c. “State’s required contribution” means an amount equal~~
8 11 ~~to the basic salary of all judges covered under this article~~
8 12 ~~multiplied by the following applicable percentage:~~

8 13 ~~(1) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008, and for each~~
8 14 ~~subsequent fiscal year until the system attains fully funded~~

CODE : Removes definitions and language associated with the Judge's required contribution rate.

CODE: Provides that a Judge's required contribution rate is equal to the basic salary of the judge multiplied by the percentage rate equal to 35.00% of the required contribution rate.

CODE: Provides that the required contribution rate is not to vary by more than one percentage point from the required contribution rate for the prior fiscal year.

CODE: Provides that the State's required contribution is equal to the basic salary of all judges multiplied by the percentage rate equal to 65.00% of the required contribution rate.

8 15 ~~status, thirty and six-tenths percent.~~
 8 16 ~~(2) Commencing with the first fiscal year in which the~~
 8 17 ~~system attains fully funded status, and for each subsequent~~
 8 18 ~~fiscal year, the percentage rate equal to sixty percent of~~
 8 19 ~~the required contribution percentage rate equal to sixty-five~~
 8 20 ~~percent of the required contribution rate.~~

8 21 DIVISION III
 8 22 DISTRICT JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSIONS

8 23 Sec. 9. Section 46.3, subsection 1, Code 2024, is amended
 8 24 to read as follows:
 8 25 1. The governor shall appoint ~~five~~ six eligible electors
 8 26 of each judicial election district to the district judicial
 8 27 nominating commission.

CODE: Increases the Governor appointed eligible electors of each judicial election district to the district judicial nominating commission from five to six.

8 28 Sec. 10. Section 46.5, subsection 4, Code 2024, is amended
 8 29 to read as follows:
 8 30 4. If a vacancy occurs in the office of chairperson of the
 8 31 ~~state a~~ judicial nominating commission, the members of the
 8 32 ~~commission shall elect a new chairperson as provided in section~~
 8 33 ~~46.6. If a vacancy occurs in the office of chairperson of a~~
 8 34 ~~district judicial nominating commission or in the absence of~~
 8 35 ~~the chairperson, the members of the particular commission shall~~
 9 1 ~~elect a temporary chairperson from their own number.~~

CODE: Provides that if a vacancy occurs in the office of the chairperson of a judicial nominating commission, the members of the commission are to elect a new chairperson as provided in Iowa Code section [46.6](#).

9 2 Sec. 11. Section 46.6, Code 2024, is amended to read as
 9 3 follows:
 9 4 46.6 CHAIRPERSON.
 9 5 ~~1.~~ The commissioners of the state judicial nominating
 9 6 commission shall elect a chairperson from their own number and
 9 7 the commissioners of a district judicial nominating commission
 9 8 shall elect a chairperson from their own number. The
 9 9 chairperson shall serve a two-year term that expires on April
 9 10 30 of even-numbered years. A commissioner may be reelected
 9 11 for a second or third term as chairperson. If a chairperson
 9 12 of a judicial nominating commission desires to be relieved
 9 13 of the duties of chairperson while retaining the status of
 9 14 commissioner, the chairperson shall notify the governor and the
 9 15 other commissioners of the commission. At the next meeting of
 9 16 the commission, the commissioners shall elect a new chairperson
 9 17 for the remainder of the two-year term.

CODE: Provides that the commissioner of the State Judicial Nominating Commission is to elect a chairperson from the commission's own number, and the commissioners of a district judicial nominating commission are to elect a chairperson from their own number.

9 18 ~~2. The judge of longest service in the district shall serve~~
9 19 ~~as the chair of a particular district judicial nominating~~
9 20 ~~commission. If the judges of longest service in the district~~
9 21 ~~are of equal service, the eldest of such judges shall be~~
9 22 ~~chairperson of the particular judicial nominating commission.~~

CODE: Removes the requirement that the judge of longest service in the district must serve as the chairperson of a particular district judicial nominating commission.

Justice System

General Fund

	Actual FY 2023 (1)	Estimated FY 2024 (2)	Senate Approp FY 2025 (3)	Sen Appr FY25 vs Est FY 2024 (4)	Page and Line # (5)
Judicial Branch					
Judicial Branch					
Judicial Branch	\$ 190,100,550	\$ 193,350,550	\$ 197,009,531	\$ 3,658,981	PG 1 LN 9
Jury & Witness Fee Revolving Fund	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	0	PG 1 LN 27
Court-Ordered Services	0	3,290,000	3,290,000	0	PG 1 LN 33
Graduated Sanctions	0	12,253,000	12,253,000	0	PG 3 LN 15
Total Judicial Branch	\$ 193,700,550	\$ 212,493,550	\$ 216,152,531	\$ 3,658,981	
Total Justice System	\$ 193,700,550	\$ 212,493,550	\$ 216,152,531	\$ 3,658,981	

Justice System

FTE Positions

	Actual FY 2023 <u>(1)</u>	Estimated FY 2024 <u>(2)</u>	Senate Approp FY 2025 <u>(3)</u>	Sen Appr FY25 vs Est FY 2024 <u>(4)</u>	Page and Line # <u>(5)</u>
<u>Judicial Branch</u>					
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Judicial Branch	1,697.53	1,883.75	1,883.75	0.00	PG 1 LN 9
Jury & Witness Fee Rev Fund	1.59	2.10	2.10	0.00	PG 1 LN 27
Graduated Sanctions	0.00	10.25	10.25	0.00	PG 3 LN 15
Total Judicial Branch	<u>1,699.13</u>	<u>1,896.10</u>	<u>1,896.10</u>	<u>0.00</u>	
Total Justice System	<u><u>1,699.13</u></u>	<u><u>1,896.10</u></u>	<u><u>1,896.10</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	