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Senate File 338
By COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY 1

Passed Senate, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Passed House, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Approved

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend section six hundred five point one (605.1), Code 1950, relating to salaries of judges of the district court.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

- 1 Section 1. Section six hundred five point one (605.1),
- 2 Code 1950, is amended by striking from lines two (2) and three
- 3 (3) the words "seven thousand dollars per year", and
- 4 substituting in lieu thereof the words, "eight thousand
- 5 dollars per year, provided that the compensation of judges
- 6 during the terms existing at the time of the passage of
- 7 this Act shall be at the rate of seven thousand dollars
- 8 per ear until the end of said existing terms "

EXPLANATION OF S. F. 338

This bill increases the salary of the district court judges from seven thousand dollars to eight thousand dollars per year. The increase will not be granted to present judges during their present terms. If the increase is granted, the salary of Iowa district judges will still be less than the average in other similar states. Iowa is twenty-second in the nation in population but ranks forty-fourth in salary paid its district court judges. There are twenty-three states, each with a population less than Iowa's, that pay their judges higher salaries than paid in our own state. On a basis of averages, the average salary of a state district court judge in the United States is \$10,155, and, if this bill is passed, the salary of Iowa district judges will still be less than average.

Imposition of federal income taxes since 1932 and state income taxes on judicial salaries, plus the increased cost of living and the decreased value of the dollar, has resulted in judges actually receiving today less than they received twenty-five years ago.

1 Amend Senate File 338 by adding a new section as follows:
2 "Sec. 2. Section six hundred five point thirteen (605.13),
3 Code 1950, is amended by adding at the end thereof the follow-
4 ing: 'At the time of his election he shall be not more than
5 seventy years of age.'"
6 Further amend Senate File 338 by correcting the title to
7 read as follows:
8 "An act to amend sections six hundred five point one (605.1)
9 and six hundred five point thirteen (605.13), Code 1950, relating
10 to the salaries and qualifications of district court judges."

Filed

March 9, 1953.

By STEWART of Mahaska.

1 Amend Senate File 338 by adding a new section as follows:
2 "Sec. 2. Section six hundred five point thirteen (605.13),
3 Code 1950, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:
4 'At the time of his election he shall be not more than seventy
5 years of age.'"
6 Further amend the title to Senate File 338 by striking
7 all after the word "Act" and inserting in lieu thereof the
8 following: "to amend section six hundred five point one (605.1)
9 and six hundred five point thirteen (605.13), Code 1950, relating
10 to the salaries and qualifications of district court judges."

Filed

March 10, 1953.

By STEWART of Mahaska.

1 Amend Senate File 338 by adding a new section as follows:
2 "Sec. 2. Section six hundred five point thirteen (605.13),
3 Code 1950, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:
4 'At the time of his election he shall be not more than seventy
5 years of age.'"
6 Further amend the title to Senate File 338 by striking all after
7 the word "Act" and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "to
8 amend sections six hundred five point one (605.1) and six hundred five
9 point thirteen (605.13), Code 1950, relating to the salaries and
10 qualifications of district court judges."

Filed

March 16, 1953.

By COMMITTEE ON COMPENSATION OF
PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.