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SENATE FILE 226  
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(COMPANION TO HF 161 BY GARMAN)

Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the compensation of judicial magistrates.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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S.F. 226

1 Section 1. STATE COURTS -- SALARIES -- MAGISTRATES.

2 1. The following annual salary rates shall be paid to the  
3 persons holding the judicial positions indicated for the  
4 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997, with the pay period  
5 beginning June 27, 1997, and for subsequent fiscal years and  
6 pay periods until otherwise provided by the general assembly.

7 a. Each judicial magistrate licensed to practice law in the  
8 state:

9 ..... \$ 29,000

10 b. Each judicial magistrate not licensed to practice law in  
11 the state:

12 ..... \$ 25,000

13 2. The salaries provided for in this section shall be paid  
14 from funds appropriated to the judicial department from the  
15 salary adjustment fund or if the appropriation is not  
16 sufficient, from the funds appropriated to the judicial  
17 department pursuant to any Act of the general assembly.

18 EXPLANATION

19 This bill provides for the salaries to be paid to judicial  
20 magistrates beginning with the pay period commencing on June  
21 27, 1997, and continuing for subsequent pay periods and fiscal  
22 years until the general assembly provides otherwise. The bill  
23 establishes that the annual salary for lawyer judicial  
24 magistrates will be \$29,000 and for non-lawyer judicial  
25 magistrates will be \$25,000. Current law provides that all  
26 judicial magistrates will be paid an annual salary of \$20,300.  
27 The bill also provides that the salaries shall be funded from  
28 moneys appropriated to the judicial department.

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**SENATE FILE 226  
FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for Senate File 226 is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

Senate File 226 increases the salaries of judicial magistrates, who are lawyers, to \$29,000 and non-lawyer judicial magistrates to \$25,000 from the current annual salary of \$20,300. The Bill requires the increased salaries to be paid from moneys appropriated to the Judicial Department.

**ASSUMPTIONS**

1. The current annual salary for lawyer magistrates and non-lawyer magistrates is \$20,300.
2. There are ninety-nine lawyer magistrates and thirty-seven non-lawyer magistrates.
3. The increase in salaries for each lawyer magistrate would be approximately \$9,000 and \$5,000 for each non-lawyer magistrate.
4. The additional annual FICA cost for each lawyer magistrate would be approximately \$700 and \$400 for each non-lawyer magistrate.
5. The additional annual IPERS cost for each lawyer magistrate would be approximately \$500 and \$300 for each non-lawyer magistrate.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The fiscal impact of Senate File 226 is as follows:

	<u>CURRENT</u> <u>LAW</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u> <u>LAW</u>	<u>DIFF.</u>
<u>Lawyer Magistrates</u>			
Salaries	\$2.0 M	\$2.9 M	\$ .9 M
FICA/IPERS	.3 M	.4 M	.1 M
<u>Non-Lawyer Magistrates</u>			
Salaries	.8 M	.9 M	.1 M
FICA/IPERS	.1 M	.2 M	.1 M
TOTAL	\$3.2 M =====	\$4.4 M =====	\$1.2 M =====

**SOURCES**

Judicial Department

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