

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the General Assembly
From: Iowa Judicial Branch
Re: 1127 XD—Judicial Compensation Rates and Appropriation
Date: 1/22/2015

Prior to January 3, 2014, Iowa judges and magistrates had not received a salary increase since July 1, 2008. Between 2008 and 2014, most other state employees received increases in their base pay of at least 9%. The Governor's proposed salary bill in the 2013 legislative session (TLSB 1019XG) included a 9% salary increase for all judges and magistrates. The legislature passed, and the governor signed, a 4.5% salary increase for all judges and magistrates, effective January 3, 2014. This bill provides an additional 4.5% salary increase effective July 1, 2015, raising the salary of all judges and magistrates a total of 9% over three fiscal years.