

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the General Assembly
From: Iowa Judicial Branch
Re: Judicial Salary Appropriation Process
Date: 12/29/2016

This bill prescribes a procedure for the appropriation of judicial salaries.

The bill removes judicial officer salaries from Iowa session law. The current salaries of judicial officers, set by the legislature in 2013 Iowa Acts, ch. 140, sec. 40, will be incorporated into the already existing Judicial Branch personnel system. The legislature maintains the authority to set Judicial Branch appropriations; any increase in judicial officer salaries is subject to the funds being appropriated by the legislature.

To the extent funds are available, all judicial officer salaries shall be increased in each fiscal year by an amount equal to across the board percentage received by non-contract covered state employees. If funds are not available, there will not be an increase in judicial officer salaries. Apportionment of magistrates may not be reduced for the purpose of making moneys available for salary increases for judicial officers.