

602.1514 Judicial compensation commission.

1. A judicial compensation commission is established. The commission is composed of eight members, four of whom shall be appointed by the governor and four of whom shall be appointed by the legislative council. Members of the commission shall be appointed without regard to political affiliation and shall not be state officials or employees, employees of any state department, board, commission, or agency or of any political subdivision of the state.
2. Members of the commission shall serve for a term of office of four years, and for the initial commission, two members determined by lot shall be appointed by each appointing authority to a term of two years. Thereafter, all members shall be appointed to four-year terms. Vacancies on the commission shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.
3. Members of the commission shall serve without compensation, but shall receive actual and necessary expenses, including travel at the state rate. Payment shall be made from funds available pursuant to section 2.12; however, members appointed by the governor shall be paid from funds appropriated to the office of the governor.
4. The commission shall elect its own chairperson from among its membership and shall meet on the call of the chairperson to review judicial salaries and related benefits. The commission shall review the compensation and related benefits paid to statutory judicial officers, and shall review the compensation and related benefits paid for comparable positions in other states, the federal government, and private enterprise. Based on the review and other factors deemed relevant, the commission shall make its recommendation as to judicial salaries and related benefits to the governor and the members of the general assembly. No later than February 1 of each odd-numbered year the commission shall report to the governor and to the general assembly its recommendations.
5. The governor and the general assembly shall consider the recommendations of the commission in determining judicial salaries and related benefits.