



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 5907

House of Representatives, April 12, 2000

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. DYSON of the 94th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

An Act Concerning The Compensation Of Elected State Officials And Judges.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 3-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 The Governor shall receive an annual salary of [seventy-eight
4 thousand dollars] one hundred fifty thousand dollars and the
5 Lieutenant Governor shall receive an annual salary of [seventy-one
6 thousand five hundred dollars] one hundred ten thousand dollars. The
7 Governor shall devote full time to the duties of the office.

8 Sec. 2. Section 3-11 of the general statutes is repealed and the
9 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

10 The Treasurer shall receive an annual salary of [seventy thousand
11 dollars] one hundred ten thousand dollars. Before [he enters] entering
12 upon the execution of the duties of [his] the office, [he] the Treasurer

13 shall give a bond to the state, with sufficient surety, in the sum of two
14 hundred thousand dollars, for the term for which [he] the Treasurer
15 has been elected, which bond shall be conditioned for the faithful
16 performance of [his] such duties other than in connection with the
17 School Fund. The Treasurer shall devote full time to the duties of the
18 office.

19 Sec. 3. Section 3-77 of the general statutes is repealed and the
20 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

21 The Secretary shall keep all the public records and documents and
22 record all acts, orders, grants and resolutions of the General Assembly,
23 including all resolutions of appointment and resolutions directing
24 orders to be drawn on the Treasurer, and give true copies thereof
25 when required. The Secretary shall keep the records and files of the
26 Superior Court previous to May, 1798, and the original books and
27 papers of the late Connecticut Land Company; provided the Secretary
28 may turn over any such records, documents or papers to the State
29 Library in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4c. The
30 Secretary may give certified copies of any entries in such records, files,
31 books or other papers and of the files and records of said Superior
32 Court and of the Supreme Court, remaining in the office, which copies
33 shall be legal evidence. The Secretary shall be the keeper of the seal of
34 the state, which shall not be altered, and shall affix the same to acts,
35 laws, orders, commissions, instruments and certificates, when
36 requested or required by law. In accordance with established
37 procedures, the Secretary may enter into such contractual agreements
38 as may be necessary for the discharge of the Secretary's duties. The
39 Secretary shall receive an annual salary of [sixty-five thousand dollars]
40 one hundred ten thousand dollars and shall devote full time to the
41 duties of the office.

42 Sec. 4. Section 3-111 of the general statutes is repealed and the
43 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

44 The Comptroller shall receive an annual salary of [sixty-five
45 thousand dollars] one hundred ten thousand dollars and shall devote
46 full time to the duties of the office. [He] The Comptroller shall give
47 bond in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

48 Sec. 5. Section 3-124 of the general statutes is repealed and the
49 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

50 There shall be an Attorney General to be elected in the same manner
51 as other state officers in accordance with the provisions of section 9-
52 181. [He] The Attorney General shall be an elector of this state and an
53 attorney at law of at least ten years' active practice at the bar of this
54 state. [His] The office of the Attorney General shall be at the Capitol.
55 [He] The Attorney General shall receive an annual salary of [seventy-
56 five thousand dollars] one hundred ten thousand dollars. The Attorney
57 General shall devote full time to the duties of the office [. The
58 Attorney General] and shall give bond in the sum of ten thousand
59 dollars.

60 Sec. 6. Section 2-8 of the general statutes is repealed and the
61 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

62 (a) Each member of the General Assembly shall receive [twenty-one
63 thousand seven hundred eighty-eight dollars] twenty-eight thousand
64 dollars for each year of the term for which [he] such member is elected,
65 to be paid as follows: In each year of the term, one-fifth within the first
66 ten days of February and thereafter one-fifth within the first ten days
67 of each succeeding month until total compensation for the year is paid.
68 Any member may elect to receive one-twelfth of the total
69 compensation to which [he] such member is entitled under the
70 provisions of this section in any year, payable in equal monthly
71 instalments during such year commencing in the month of January. If
72 any such member resigns for reasons of health or dies before receiving
73 the full compensation to which [he] such member is entitled for such
74 year, the balance of such compensation shall be immediately payable

75 to [him] such member or to [his] such member's estate.

76 (b) Each member shall receive, in addition to the compensation
77 payable under subsection (a) of this section and the transportation
78 allowance payable under section 2-15, the sum of four thousand five
79 hundred dollars if a member of the House of Representatives or the
80 sum of five thousand five hundred dollars if a member of the Senate
81 for each year of the term for which [he] such member is elected as
82 reimbursement for expenses, payable as follows: One-half within the
83 first ten days of February and one-half within ten days after final
84 adjournment of the regular session in each year of the term. If any
85 member resigns for reasons of health or dies before receiving the full
86 amount to which [he] such member is entitled for the year of [his] such
87 member resignation or death, the balance of the amount shall be
88 immediately payable to [him] such member or to [his] such member's
89 estate.

90 (c) In lieu of the compensation payable under subsection (a) of this
91 section, the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
92 pro tempore of the Senate shall each receive [thirty thousand one
93 hundred eight dollars] thirty-eight thousand six hundred eighty-nine
94 dollars for each year of the term for which [he] said officer so serves,
95 the majority and minority leaders of the House of Representatives and
96 of the Senate shall each receive [twenty-eight thousand six hundred
97 sixty-five dollars] thirty-six thousand eight hundred thirty-five
98 dollars for each year of the term for which [he] said officer so serves, the
99 deputy speaker and the deputy majority and minority leaders of the
100 House of Representatives and of the Senate shall each receive [twenty-
101 six thousand eight hundred six dollars] thirty-four thousand four
102 hundred forty-six dollars for each year of the term in which [he] said
103 officer so serves, each assistant majority and minority leader and
104 majority and minority whip of the House and Senate and the
105 [chairmen] chairpersons of each joint standing committee, except the
106 Joint Standing Committee on Legislative Management, shall each

107 receive [twenty-five thousand ninety dollars] thirty-two thousand two
108 hundred forty-one dollars for each year of the term in which [he] said
109 chairperson so serves and the ranking members of each joint standing
110 committee, except the Joint Standing Committee on Legislative
111 Management, shall each receive [twenty-three thousand six hundred
112 sixty dollars] thirty thousand four hundred three dollars for each year
113 of the term in which [he] said officer so serves to be paid as provided
114 in subsection (a) of this section. Each of said officers shall receive as
115 reimbursement for expenses for each year of the term for which [he]
116 the officer is elected five thousand five hundred dollars if the officer is
117 a senator and four thousand five hundred dollars if the officer is a
118 representative, payable as provided in subsection (b) of this section.
119 Each of said officers shall have the same option to elect payment of
120 one-twelfth of [his] the officer's compensation for each year of the term
121 for which [he] the officer is elected payable in equal monthly
122 instalments in such year as is provided for other members under the
123 provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

124 (d) In lieu of the compensation provided by subsections (a) and (b)
125 of this section, any member elected to fill any unexpired term shall
126 receive the following: (1) For less than a full year of a term, a pro rata
127 amount of the compensation payable under said subsection (a) and, in
128 addition to the transportation allowance payable under section 2-15, a
129 pro rata amount of the sum payable under subsection (b) as
130 reimbursement for expenses, both payable upon certification of [his]
131 such member's election; (2) for a full year of a term, the compensation
132 and expenses provided in subsections (a) and (b), both payable upon
133 certification of [his] such member's election.

134 (e) No person who is elected to serve in one house of the General
135 Assembly and is thereafter elected to fill a vacancy in the other house
136 for the unexpired portion of the same term shall receive total
137 compensation or total reimbursement for expenses for such term in an
138 amount greater than that to which [he] such person was entitled on

139 [his] such person's election to the first house.

140 (f) Any member who resigns for reasons other than health or
141 election to the other house prior to the expiration of any year of the
142 term for which [he] such member was elected, and who has received
143 the total compensation and reimbursement for expenses provided
144 under subsections (a) and (b) of this section for that year, shall
145 reimburse the state in an amount equal to that portion of such total
146 compensation and expense reimbursement attributable to the
147 remainder of the year in which [he] such member resigns.

148 Sec. 7. (NEW) To the extent that a permanent full-time employee of
149 the Joint Committee on Legislative Management received one hour of
150 compensatory time for each three hours of overtime worked by such
151 employee prior to the effective date of this section, such employee shall
152 receive, on and after January 3, 2001, one hour of compensatory time
153 for each two hours of such overtime worked by such employee.

154 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 51-47 of the general statutes, as
155 amended by section 37 of public act 99-1 of the June special session, is
156 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

157 (a) The judges of the Superior Court, judges of the Appellate Court
158 and judges of the Supreme Court shall receive annually salaries as
159 follows:

160 [(1) On and after October 1, 1997, (A) the Chief Justice of the
161 Supreme Court, one hundred twenty-six thousand forty-eight dollars;
162 (B) the Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Supreme Court,
163 Appellate Court or Superior Court, one hundred twenty thousand four
164 hundred thirty dollars; (C) each associate judge of the Supreme Court,
165 one hundred fifteen thousand three hundred three dollars; (D) the
166 Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred thirteen thousand
167 eight hundred thirty-two dollars; (E) each judge of the Appellate
168 Court, one hundred seven thousand two hundred fourteen dollars; (F)

169 the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Superior Court,
170 one hundred four thousand nine hundred thirty-five dollars; and (G)
171 each judge of the Superior Court, one hundred two thousand four
172 hundred twenty dollars.

173 (2) On and after October 1, 1998, (A) the Chief Justice of the
174 Supreme Court, one hundred twenty-eight thousand five hundred
175 sixty-nine dollars; (B) the Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the
176 Supreme Court, Appellate Court or Superior Court, one hundred
177 twenty-two thousand eight hundred thirty-nine dollars; (C) each
178 associate judge of the Supreme Court, one hundred seventeen
179 thousand six hundred ten dollars; (D) the Chief Judge of the Appellate
180 Court, one hundred sixteen thousand one hundred nine dollars; (E)
181 each judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred nine thousand three
182 hundred fifty-nine dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if
183 a judge of the Superior Court, one hundred seven thousand thirty-four
184 dollars; and (G) each judge of the Superior Court, one hundred four
185 thousand four hundred sixty-nine dollars.

186 (3) On and after October 1, 1999, (A) the Chief Justice of the
187 Supreme Court, one hundred thirty-one thousand one hundred forty
188 dollars; (B) the Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Supreme
189 Court, Appellate Court or Superior Court, one hundred twenty-five
190 thousand two hundred ninety-six dollars; (C) each associate judge of
191 the Supreme Court, one hundred nineteen thousand nine hundred
192 sixty-two dollars; (D) the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one
193 hundred eighteen thousand four hundred thirty-one dollars; (E) each
194 judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred eleven thousand five
195 hundred forty-six dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if
196 a judge of the Superior Court, one hundred nine thousand one
197 hundred seventy-five dollars; and (G) each judge of the Superior
198 Court, one hundred six thousand five hundred fifty-eight dollars.

199 (4)] (1) On and after April 1, 2000, (A) the Chief Justice of the

200 Supreme Court, one hundred thirty-five thousand eight hundred sixty-
201 one dollars; (B) the Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the
202 Supreme Court, Appellate Court or Superior Court, one hundred
203 thirty thousand seventeen dollars; (C) each associate judge of the
204 Supreme Court, one hundred twenty-four thousand six hundred
205 eighty-three dollars; (D) the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one
206 hundred twenty-three thousand one hundred fifty-two dollars; (E)
207 each judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred sixteen thousand two
208 hundred sixty-seven dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court Administrator
209 if a judge of the Superior Court, one hundred thirteen thousand eight
210 hundred ninety-six dollars; (G) each judge of the Superior Court, one
211 hundred eleven thousand two hundred seventy-nine dollars.

212 [(5)] (2) On and after April 1, 2001, (A) the Chief Justice of the
213 Supreme Court, one hundred forty thousand five hundred eighty-two
214 dollars; (B) the Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Supreme
215 Court, Appellate Court or Superior Court, one hundred thirty-four
216 thousand seven hundred thirty-eight dollars; (C) each associate judge
217 of the Supreme Court, one hundred twenty-nine thousand four
218 hundred four dollars; (D) the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one
219 hundred twenty-seven thousand eight hundred seventy-three dollars;
220 (E) each judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred twenty thousand
221 nine hundred eighty-eight dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court
222 Administrator if a judge of the Superior Court, one hundred eighteen
223 thousand six hundred seventeen dollars; (G) each judge of the Superior
224 Court, one hundred sixteen thousand dollars.

225 (3) On and after April 1, 2002, (A) the Chief Justice of the Supreme
226 Court, one hundred forty-nine thousand five hundred eighty-two
227 dollars; (B) the Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Supreme
228 Court, Appellate Court or Superior Court, one hundred forty-three
229 thousand seven hundred thirty-eight dollars; (C) each associate judge
230 of the Supreme Court, one hundred thirty-eight thousand four
231 hundred four dollars; (D) the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one

232 hundred thirty-six thousand eight hundred seventy-three dollars; (E)
233 each judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred twenty-nine thousand
234 nine hundred eighty-eight dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court
235 Administrator if a judge of the Superior Court, one hundred twenty-
236 seven thousand six hundred seventeen dollars; (G) each judge of the
237 Superior Court, one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars.

238 Sec. 9. Subsection (h) of section 46b-231 of the general statutes, as
239 amended by section 38 of public act 99-1 of the June special session, is
240 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

241 [(h) (1) On and after October 1, 1997, the Chief Family Support
242 Magistrate shall receive a salary of seventy-eight thousand seven
243 hundred sixty-nine dollars, and other family support magistrates shall
244 receive an annual salary of seventy-three thousand eight hundred
245 seventy-eight dollars.

246 (2) On and after October 1, 1998, the Chief Family Support
247 Magistrate shall receive a salary of eighty thousand three hundred
248 forty-five dollars, and other family support magistrates shall receive an
249 annual salary of seventy-five thousand three hundred fifty-six dollars.

250 (3) On and after October 1, 1999, the Chief Family Support
251 Magistrate shall receive a salary of eighty-one thousand nine hundred
252 fifty-two dollars, and other family support magistrates shall receive an
253 annual salary of seventy-six thousand eight hundred sixty-three
254 dollars.

255 (4) [(h) (1)] On and after April 1, 2000, the Chief Family Support
256 Magistrate shall receive a salary of ninety-nine thousand five hundred
257 eighty-seven dollars, and other family support magistrates shall
258 receive an annual salary of ninety-four thousand five hundred eighty-
259 seven dollars.

260 [(5)] (2) On and after April 1, 2001, the Chief Family Support

261 Magistrate shall receive a salary of one hundred three thousand six
262 hundred dollars, and other family support magistrates shall receive an
263 annual salary of ninety-eight thousand six hundred dollars.

264 (3) On and after April 1, 2002, the Chief Family Support Magistrate
265 shall receive a salary of one hundred eight thousand eight hundred
266 twenty-one dollars, and other family support magistrates shall receive
267 an annual salary of one hundred three thousand five hundred sixty-
268 nine dollars.

269 Sec. 10. This act shall take effect January 3, 2001, except sections 1 to
270 5, inclusive, shall take effect January 8, 2003.

APP Committee Vote: Yea 40 Nay 8 JFS

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: Cost, (General Fund) (Workers' Compensation Commission), (Probate Court Administration Fund)

Affected Agencies: Legislative Management, Judicial Department Workers' Compensation Commission, Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities and various other agencies

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State Impact:

The bill increases the salaries of state legislators, judges, family support magistrates. It also increases the salaries of statewide elected officials.

The bill increases the salaries of legislators effective January 3, 2001. For FY 01, the cost for Legislative Management for legislator's salaries is \$5,338,464. This is an increase of \$825,982 over the cost of legislative salaries in FY 00. The annualized cost with this pay raise is \$5,798,713 in FY 02 compared to the cost of \$4,512,482 for FY 00.

Salary increases for statewide elected officials will be effective January 3, 2003.

Position	Current Salary	Salary as of 1/3/2003	% increase
Governor	\$78,000	\$150,000	92.3 %
Lieutenant Governor	\$71,000	\$110,000	54.9 %
Treasurer	\$70,000	\$110,000	57.1 %
Secretary of State	\$65,000	\$110,000	69.2 %
Comptroller	\$65,000	\$110,000	69.2 %
Attorney General	\$75,000	\$110,000	46.6%
Total	\$424,000	\$700,000	65.0%

The bill also provides salary increases for judges and family support magistrates on April 1, 2002. In addition, since the salaries link: 1) the salaries of Workers' Compensation Commissioners and Probate Court judges to those of superior court judges and 2) the salaries of Human Rights Referees to those of Family Support Magistrates, the bill results in salary increases for these employees also.

Judge Salary Levels and % Increases Contained in sHB 5907.

Position	Salary as of 04/01/2001	Salary as of 04/01/2002	% increase
Chief Family Support Magistrate	103,600	108,821	5.0%
Family Support Magistrate	98,600	103,569	5.0%
Chief Justice, Supreme Court:	140,582	149,582	6.4%
Chief Court Administrator	134,738	143,738	6.7%
Associate Justice, Supreme Court	129,404	138,404	7.0%
Chief Judge, Appellate Court	127,873	136,873	7.0%
Judge, Appellate Court	120,988	129,988	7.4%
Deputy Chief Court Administrator	118,617	127,617	7.6%

Judge, Superior Court	116,000	125,000	7.8%
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The bill would result in a cost to the Judicial Department of approximately \$450,000 in FY 02 and \$1.8 million in FY 03 by providing salary increases of 5.0 - 7.8% for Superior Court Judges and Family Support Magistrates on April 1, 2002.

Revenues collected by probate courts are deposited in the Probate Court Administration Fund (PCAF) and used to pay all expenses including judges' salaries. The PCAF is a non General Fund account within the Judicial Department. A probate court judge's salary cannot be more than 75% of the salary of a superior judge. There are currently ten probate judges that earn the maximum amount.

The bill increases a superior judges salary from \$116,000 in 2001 to \$125,000 after April 1, 2002, which would allow for a potential increase in a probate court judges salary from \$87,000 to \$93,750. Passage of the bill would result in a cost of up to \$67,500 to the PCAF. Despite the phase out of the inheritance tax, the PCAF has experienced some significant growth. The PCAF fund balance was \$10.5 million in FY 1995 and \$17.9 million in FY 99.

There will also be a cost for the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. The salaries of the 7 Human Rights Referees in the commission are tied to the salary level of Chief Family Support Magistrate and other Family Support Magistrates. There will be an increase in cost of \$8,558 for the 7 referees in FY 02 and an increased cost of \$33,235 for FY 03.

The passage of this bill would also result in additional costs to the Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC) of about \$36,000 in FY 02 and \$144,000 in FY 03 and subsequent years (Workers' Compensation Administration Fund). The salaries of the 16 Workers' Compensation Commissioners are tied to the salary level of a Superior Court Judge.

The bill increases the salary of a Superior Court Judge by \$9,000 per year, effective April 1, 2001. The FY 01 cost can be absorbed within the existing resources of the WCC.

The bill also specifies that permanent full-time members of the Joint Committee on Legislative Management who receive one hour of compensatory time for every three hours of overtime worked shall receive one hour for every two hours of overtime worked. This shall be effective on or after January 3, 2001. This change in compensatory time may have a potential minimal future cost from higher accrued vacation payments to employees upon retirement. However, compensatory time would have to be taken in lieu of vacation time.

OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5907

AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPENSATION OF ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS AND JUDGES.**SUMMARY:**

This bill increases the salaries of the state's (1) statewide elected officials, (2) legislators, (3) judges, and (4) family support magistrates. The increases for the statewide elected officials are as follows:

<i>Office</i>	<i>Current Salary</i>	<i>Proposed Salary</i>
Governor	\$78,000	\$150,000
Lieutenant Governor	71,500	110,000
Treasurer	70,000	110,000
Secretary of the State	65,000	110,000
Comptroller	65,000	110,000
Attorney General	75,000	110,000

The bill also increases the rate for earning compensatory time for permanent, full-time legislative employees to one hour of compensatory time for every two hours, rather than three hours, of overtime an employee works.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 3, 2001, except the raises for constitutional officials take effect January 8, 2003.

LEGISLATIVE SALARIES

The bill increases the salaries of members of the General Assembly as follows:

<i>Position</i>	<i>Current Salary</i>	<i>Proposed Salary</i>
House speaker and Senate president pro tempore	\$30,108	\$38,689
House and Senate majority and minority leaders	28,665	36,835

Deputy House speaker and House and Senate deputy majority and minority leaders	26,806	34,446
House and Senate assistant majority and minority leaders and majority and minority whips, and standing committee chairs	25,090	32,241
Standing committee ranking members	23,660	30,403
Rank and file members	21,788	28,000

JUDICIAL SALARIES

By law, the salaries of judges and family support magistrates are scheduled to increase on April 1, 2001. The bill increases salaries on April 1, 2002. The following chart displays the changes.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Salary under Current Law</i>		<i>Proposed Salary</i>
	<i>As of 4/1/00</i>	<i>As of 4/1/01</i>	
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court	\$135,861	\$140,582	\$149,582
Chief Court Administrator*	130,017	134,738	143,738
Supreme Court Associate Justice	124,683	129,404	138,404
Appellate Court Chief Justice	123,152	127,873	136,873
Appellate Court Judge	116,267	120,988	129,988
Deputy Chief Court Administrator*	113,896	118,617	127,617
Superior Court Judge	111,279	116,000	125,000
Chief Family Support Magistrate	99,587	103,600	108,821
Family Support Magistrate	94,587	98,600	103,569

*The chief court administrator earns this salary if he is a judge of the Supreme, Appellate, or Superior Court, and the deputy chief court administrator earns this salary if he is a Superior Court judge.

The bill's provisions result in salary increases for other officials whose salaries are tied to that of judges. The salaries of human rights referees are equal to those of family support magistrates. The salaries of

workers' compensation commissioners vary depending on experience and are tied to those of Superior Court judges. The salaries of probate court judges are capped at 75% of a Superior Court judge's salary.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 40 Nay 8 Abstain 1