



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5709**

February Session, 2000

***An Act Concerning Funding For Probate Courts With  
Inadequate Income And The Retirement Of Probate Judges.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (j) of section 45a-82 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (j) In the event that any court of probate otherwise receives income  
4 which is insufficient to meet, on an ongoing basis, the reasonable and  
5 necessary financial needs of that court, including the salaries of the  
6 judge and the judge's staff, there shall be transferred from time to time  
7 from the Probate Court Administration Fund such amounts as are  
8 determined by the Probate Court Administrator to be reasonable and  
9 necessary for the proper administration of each such court. Except as  
10 provided in subsection (k) of section 45a-92, the judge's annual salary  
11 shall not exceed the average annual salary of such judge for the three-  
12 year period next preceding the request for financial assistance or the  
13 product resulting from the multiplication of fifteen dollars by the  
14 annual weighted workload of the court, as defined in subsection (c) of  
15 section 45a-92, whichever is greater, but not to exceed the annual  
16 compensation provided in subsection (k) of section 45a-92.

17 Sec. 2. Section 45a-36a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
18 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

19 Any judge of probate in office on or after October 1, 1997, whose  
20 probate district is merged with another district and who has not been  
21 elected to a term which begins at the time of, or subsequent to, such  
22 consolidation, or any judge of probate in office on or after the effective  
23 date of this act, who retires at any time prior to January 1, 2003, and  
24 whose probate district is merged with another district by the action of  
25 the General Assembly prior to January 1, 2003, effective on the  
26 Wednesday following the first Monday of January, 2003, (1) may elect  
27 to receive four years of credited service, as defined in subdivision (2) of  
28 section 45a-34, (2) may elect to receive a reduction of [his] such judge's  
29 retirement age of not more than four years pursuant to subsection (a)  
30 of section 45a-36, or (3) may elect any combination of subdivisions (1)  
31 and (2) of this section, provided such combination shall not exceed  
32 four years in total.

**JUD Committee Vote:** Yea 35 Nay 2 JFS

**APP Committee Vote:** Yea 44 Nay 0 JF