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SUMMARY

States policy of State of Oregon to pay judges no less than median salary for judges serving in comparable positions in comparable states.

Modifies annual salaries of judges of Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Oregon Tax Court and circuit courts.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to compensation of judges; creating new provisions; amending ORS 292.406, 292.411, 292.416 and 292.426; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2016 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 292.

SECTION 2. In order to attract and retain highly qualified people to serve as judges in the Judicial Department and to recognize the trust and responsibilities inherent in those positions, it is the policy of the State of Oregon to pay judges no less than the median salary for judges serving in comparable positions in comparable states.

SECTION 3. ORS 292.406 is amended to read:

292.406. (1)(a) The annual salary of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals shall be [*\$135,688 for the year beginning January 1, 2015, and for each year thereafter.*] **\$138,744 for the period beginning on December 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2016.**

(b) On July 1, 2016, the annual salary of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

\$8,822.

(c) On January 1, 2017, the annual salary of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$8,822.

(d) On January 1, 2018, the annual salary of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,881.

(e) On January 1, 2019, the annual salary of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,881.

(2)(a) The annual salary of each other judge of the Court of Appeals shall be [*\$132,820 for the year beginning January 1, 2015, and for each year thereafter.*] \$135,804 for the period beginning on December 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2016.

(b) On July 1, 2016, the annual salary of each other judge of the Court of Appeals, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$8,530.

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(d) On January 1, 2018, the annual salary of each other judge of the Court of Appeals, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,687.

(e) On January 1, 2019, the annual salary of each other judge of the Court of Appeals, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,687.

SECTION 4. ORS 292.411 is amended to read:

292.411. (1)(a) The annual salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall be [*\$138,556 for the year beginning January 1, 2015, and for each year thereafter.*] \$141,672 for the period beginning on December 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2016.

(b) On July 1, 2016, the annual salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$10,538.

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(d) On January 1, 2018, the annual salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$7,025.

(e) On January 1, 2019, the annual salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$7,025.

(2)(a) The annual salary of each other judge of the Supreme Court shall be [*\$135,688 for the year beginning January 1, 2015, and for each year thereafter.*] **\$138,744 for the period beginning on December 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2016.**

(b) On July 1, 2016, the annual salary of each other judge of the Supreme Court, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$8,822.

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(d) On January 1, 2018, the annual salary of each other judge of the Supreme Court, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,881.

(e) On January 1, 2019, the annual salary of each other judge of the Supreme Court, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,881.

SECTION 5. ORS 292.416 is amended to read:

292.416. (1) The annual salary of each judge of a circuit court shall be [*\$124,468 for the year beginning January 1, 2015, and for each year*

thereafter.] **\$127,272 for the period beginning on December 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2016.**

(2) On July 1, 2016, the annual salary of each judge of a circuit court, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$7,673.

(3) On January 1, 2017, the annual salary of each judge of a circuit court, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$7,673.

(4) On January 1, 2018, the annual salary of each judge of a circuit court, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,116.

(5) On January 1, 2019, the annual salary of each judge of a circuit court, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,116.

SECTION 6. ORS 292.426 is amended to read:

292.426. (1) The annual salary of the judge of the Oregon Tax Court shall be [*\$128,164 for the year beginning January 1, 2015, and for each year thereafter.*] **\$131,052 for the period beginning on December 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2016.**

(2) On July 1, 2016, the annual salary of the judge of the Oregon Tax Court, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$8,248.

(3) On January 1, 2017, the annual salary of the judge of the Oregon Tax Court, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$8,248.

(4) On January 1, 2018, the annual salary of the judge of the Oregon Tax Court, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,498.

(5) On January 1, 2019, the annual salary of the judge of the Oregon Tax Court, as adjusted under ORS 292.428, shall be increased by \$5,498.

SECTION 7. This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect on its passage.