WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1972

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SENATE BILL NO. 308

(By Mr. McKenzie, Mr. President, and Mr. McElroy)

PASSED MARCH 8, 1972

In Effect JULY 1, 1972

FILED IN THE OFFICE
JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, IV
SECRETARY OF STATE
THIS DATE 3-29-72
AN ACT to amend and reenact section four, article seven, chapter six of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to salaries of judges of circuit courts, and the manner of computing such salaries.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section four, article seven, chapter six of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 7. COMPENSATION AND ALLOWANCES.

§6-7-4. Salaries of judges of circuit courts; manner of computing the amount thereof.

1. The salaries of the judges of the various circuit courts shall be paid solely out of the state treasury. No county, county court, board of commissioners or other political subdivision shall supplement or add to such salaries.

2. The annual salary of all circuit judges shall be twenty-six thousand dollars per year, except as follows:

3. (1) For each circuit in which the circuit court serves as an appellate court for a statutory court of record the salary of the circuit judge shall be twenty-six thousand five hundred dollars per year.

4. (2) For each circuit in which the circuit court serves as appellate court for two statutory courts of record the salary of the circuit judge shall be twenty-seven thousand dollars per year.

5. (3) For each circuit in which the circuit court serves as appellate court for three statutory courts of record the
salary shall be twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars per year.

(4) For each circuit in which the circuit court serves as appellate court for four statutory courts of record the salary shall be twenty-eight thousand dollars per year.

(5) For each circuit in which the circuit court serves as appellate court for five or more statutory courts of record the salary shall be twenty-eight thousand five hundred dollars per year.

For the purpose of this section, county courts, justice of the peace courts and administrative boards and agencies exercising limited judicial functions shall not be considered courts of record.

When any statutory court of record has more than one judge or one division, each such judge or division shall be treated, considered and counted, for the purpose of this section only, as a separate statutory court of record.

For the purpose of this section, in those circuits where there is more than one circuit judge and one or more statutory court of record, the number of statutory courts of record shall be divided among the circuit judges and their annual salary paid accordingly.

No circuit judge shall be paid an annual salary that exceeds the annual salary paid to any one of the judges of the supreme court of appeals.

No judge of a statutory court of record in West Virginia shall be paid a salary by the county court of the county in which the statutory court exists in excess of the minimum annual salary paid to a circuit judge as herein provided.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed to permit the compensation of any judge in excess of the amount (taking into consideration the compensation he now receives as supplemental compensation from any county, county court, or other political subdivision) which can be paid under the rules and regulations of the pay board established by the President of the United States by virtue of the authority vested in him by the Economic Stabilization Act of 1970, as from time to time amended;
nor shall this section be construed to permit the annual salary of a circuit judge to be reduced to a sum below that which he was being paid by the state of West Virginia and any county, county court, or other political subdivision on June thirty, one thousand nine hundred seventy-two.
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The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

[Signatures]
Chairman Senate Committee

[Signatures]
Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

To take effect July 1, 1972.

[Signatures]
Clerk of the Senate

[Signatures]
Clerk of the House of Delegates

[Signatures]
President of the Senate

[Signatures]
Speaker House of Delegates

The within approved this the 16th day of March, 1972.

[Signatures]
Governor
PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Date 3/16/72
Time 2:10 p.m.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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