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FOR
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(By Delegates Brown, Hunt, Webster, Amores and Hatfield)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact §51-2A-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the compensation of secretary-clerks and case coordinators to family court judges.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That §51-2A-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2A. FAMILY COURTS.


1 (a) A family court judge is entitled to receive as compensation for his or her services an annual salary of sixty-two
thousand five hundred dollars: *Provided*, That beginning the
first day of July, two thousand five, a family court judge is
entitled to receive as compensation for his or her services an
annual salary of eighty-two thousand five hundred dollars.

(b) The secretary-clerk of the family court judge is ap-
pointed by the family court judge and serves at his or her will
and pleasure. The secretary-clerk of the family court judge is
entitled to receive an annual salary of twenty-seven thousand
thirty-six dollars: *Provided*, That on and after the first day of
July, two thousand six, the annual salary of the secretary-clerk
shall be established by the administrative director of the
Supreme Court of Appeals, but may not exceed thirty-five
thousand dollars. In addition, any person employed as a
secretary-clerk to a family court judge on the effective date of
the enactment of this section during the sixth extraordinary
session of the Legislature in the year two thousand one who is
receiving an additional five hundred dollars per year up to ten
years of a certain period of prior employment under the
provisions of the prior enactment of section eight of this article
during the second extraordinary session of the Legislature in the
year one thousand nine hundred ninety-nine shall continue to
receive such additional amount. Further, the secretary-clerk will
receive such percentage or proportional salary increases as may
be provided by general law for other public employees and is
entitled to receive the annual incremental salary increase as
provided in article five, chapter five of this code.

(c) The family court judge may employ not more than one
family case coordinator who serves at his or her will and
pleasure. The annual salary of the family case coordinator of
the family court judge shall be established by the Administra-
tive Director of the Supreme Court of Appeals but may not
exceed thirty-six thousand sixty dollars: *Provided*, That on and
after the first day of July, two thousand six, the annual salary of
the family case coordinator of the family court judge may not
exceed forty-six thousand sixty dollars. The family case
coordinator will receive such percentage or proportional salary
increases as may be provided by general law for other public
employees and is entitled to receive the annual incremental
salary increase as provided in article five, chapter five of this
code.

(d) The sheriff or his or her designated deputy shall serve
as a bailiff for a family court judge. The sheriff of each county
shall serve or designate persons to serve so as to assure that a
bailiff is available when a family court judge determines the
same is necessary for the orderly and efficient conduct of the
business of the family court.

(e) Disbursement of salaries for family court judges and
members of their staffs are made by or pursuant to the order of
the Director of the Administrative Office of the Supreme Court
of Appeals.

(f) Family court judges and members of their staffs are
allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the
performance of their duties. The expenses and compensation
will be determined and paid by the Director of the Administra-
tive Office of the Supreme Court of Appeals under such
guidelines as he or she may prescribe, as approved by the
Supreme Court of Appeals.

(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, family
court judges are not eligible to participate in the retirement
system for judges under the provisions of article nine of this
chapter.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 31st day of March, 2006.

Governor