



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-383)

S "A" (S-551) to C "A" (S-383)

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$93,088	(\$930)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$93,088	(\$930)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The estimated cost for increasing the salaries of the State's chief justices, chief judge, deputy chief judge, associate justices and associate judges by 2% on July 1, 2014 is estimated to cost \$180,753 in fiscal year 2014-15. The Personal Services appropriations for the Judicial Department include sufficient funding for this increase. This 2% will increase the department's baseline budget request by \$187,983 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$195,503 in fiscal year 2016-17.

This bill also lowers the upper limit for the cost-of-living-adjustments from 4% to 3%, which is used to calculate the Judicial Department's Personal Services costs in the Biennial Budget requests. This will reduce future Personal Services baseline budget appropriations by \$94,895 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$196,433 in fiscal year 2016-17.

The combined net effect of these changes on the department's 2016-2017 biennial baseline budget appropriations is an increase of \$93,088 in fiscal year 2015-16 and a decrease of \$930 in fiscal year 2016-17.