

**CHAPTER 14**

**AN ACT** concerning the annual salary of certain public employees, and amending various parts of the statutory law and supplementing chapter 11 of Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. N.J.S.2B:2-4 is amended to read as follows:

Judicial salaries.

2B:2-4. Judicial Salaries.

Annual salaries of justices and judges beginning on January 1, 2009 and thereafter shall be:

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court	\$192,795
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court	\$185,482
Judge of the Superior Court, Appellate Division	\$175,534
Judge of the Superior Court, Assignment Judge	\$171,731
Judge of the Superior Court; Judge of the Tax Court	\$165,000

The annual salaries of justices and judges shall be increased by \$8,000 in calendar year 2018. The annual salaries of justices and judges set in calendar year 2018, shall be increased by \$8,000, beginning on January 1, 2019. The annual salary of justices and judges set on January 1, 2019, shall be increased by \$8,000 beginning on January 1, 2020.

Beginning on January 1, 2021, and on January 1 of each year for four years thereafter, the amount of the annual salary determined for the prior calendar year shall be adjusted annually by the State Treasurer in direct proportion to the percent change in the Consumer Price Index over a 12-month period beginning November 1 and ending October 31. For the purpose of this section, "Consumer Price Index" means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island Metropolitan Area, All Items (1982-84=100), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in the United States Department of Labor. The State Treasurer shall determine the amount of the adjustment by December 1 of each year and the adjustment shall become effective for payments to be made during the calendar year following the determination, beginning with payments made on or after January 1 of each calendar year. An adjustment in the annual payment shall be made only if the percent change in the Consumer Price Index for the period specified is greater than zero. Such an annual adjustment shall in no event be greater than 2 percent. If the reference base of the index is changed, the index used to determine the Consumer Price Index shall be the index converted to the new base by standard statistical methods. The first adjustment determination shall be made by December 1, 2020 and applicable to payments commencing on January 1, 2021. The financial adjustment shall be made on December 1, 2024 and be applicable for payments commencing on January 1, 2025. No further adjustments shall be made thereafter.

2. Section 1 of P.L.1974, c.55 (C.52:14-15.107) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:14-15.107 Department officers; annual salaries.

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of the annual appropriations act and section 7 of P.L.1974, c.55 (C.52:14-15.110), the annual salary for each of the following officers shall be \$175,000 in calendar year 2018 and thereafter:

Title

Agriculture Department  
Secretary of Agriculture

Children and Families Department  
Commissioner of Children and Families

Community Affairs Department  
Commissioner of Community Affairs

Corrections Department  
Commissioner of Corrections

Education Department  
Commissioner of Education

Environmental Protection Department  
Commissioner of Environmental Protection

Health Department  
Commissioner of Health

Human Services Department  
Commissioner of Human Services

Banking and Insurance Department  
Commissioner of Banking and Insurance

Labor and Workforce Development Department  
Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development

Law and Public Safety Department  
Attorney General

Military and Veterans' Affairs Department  
Adjutant General

State Department  
Secretary of State

Transportation Department  
Commissioner of Transportation

Treasury Department  
State Treasurer

Members, Board of Public Utilities

C.52:11-5.3 Annual salary for certain executive directors.

3. The annual salary of the executive director of each full time legislative staff operating under the direction of the Senate President, the Speaker of the General Assembly, and the Minority Leaders of each House of the Legislature shall be fixed and established by the President of the Senate and by the Speaker of the General Assembly, as appropriate, for each director in any amount that the President or Speaker determines to be appropriate for that director, but shall not exceed \$175,000 in calendar year 2018 and thereafter.

4. N.J.S.2A:158-10 is amended to read as follows:

Salaries of county prosecutors.

2A:158-10. County prosecutors shall receive annual salaries to be fixed by the governing body of the county at \$153,000 beginning on January 1, 2008 and \$165,000 beginning on January 1, 2009 and thereafter. The annual salaries of county prosecutors shall be increased by \$8,000 in calendar year 2018. The annual salaries of county prosecutors set in calendar year 2018, shall be increased by \$8,000, beginning on January 1, 2019. The annual salary of county prosecutors set on January 1, 2019, shall be increased by \$8,000 beginning on January 1, 2020.

Beginning on January 1, 2021 and on January 1 of each year for four years thereafter, the amount of the annual salary determined for the prior calendar year shall be adjusted annually by the State Treasurer in direct proportion to the percent change in the Consumer Price Index over a 12-month period beginning November 1 and ending October 31. For the purpose of this section, "Consumer Price Index" means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island Metropolitan Area, All Items (1982-84=100), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in the United States Department of Labor. The State Treasurer shall determine the amount of the adjustment by December 1 of each year and the adjustment shall become effective for payments to be made during the calendar year following the determination, beginning with payments made on or after January 1 of each calendar year. An adjustment in the annual payment shall be made only if the percent change in the Consumer Price Index for the period specified is greater than zero. Such an annual adjustment shall in no event be greater than 2 percent. If the reference base of the index is changed, the index used to determine the Consumer Price Index shall be the index converted to the new base by standard statistical methods. The first adjustment determination shall be made by December 1, 2020 and applicable to payments commencing on January 1, 2021. The financial adjustment shall be made on December 1, 2024 and be applicable for payments commencing on January 1, 2025. No further adjustments shall be made thereafter.

There shall be appropriated annually to the Department of Community Affairs for payment to each county for additional salary costs resulting from the increase in the salary of county prosecutors an amount equal to the amount by which the annual salary paid to the county prosecutor under this section exceeds \$100,000.00.

5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

Approved May 18, 2018.