

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB862**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday January 20, 2012  
**Committee On:** Judiciary  
**Introducer:** Coash  
**One Liner:** Change the salary of Supreme Court judges

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	7	Senators Ashford, Coash, Council, Larson, Lathrop, Lautenbaugh, McGill
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator Harr
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Proponents:**

SEN. COLBY COASH  
WARREN WHITTED  
LORAN SCHMIT  
GARY RANDALL  
LAURIE YARDLEY  
MIKE HEAVICAN

**Representing:**

INTRODUCER  
NE STATE BAR  
SELF  
NE DISTRICT COURT JUDGES  
SELF  
NE SUPREME COURT

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**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Legislative Bill 862 would increase the salaries of the Nebraska Supreme Court Judges starting July 1, 2012. The current salary is \$142,759.50.

Although the bill only specifies salary increases for Supreme Court Judges, other judges (district, county, juvenile, appellate and worker's compensation court judges) will also receive an increase in salary as their salaries are statutorily tied to the Supreme Court judge salaries.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

Committee Amendment AM 1778 would strike "XXX" and insert a dollar amount to reflect a two percent salary increase starting July 1, 2012. The new salary for the Supreme Court Judges would be \$145,614.74.

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Brad Ashford, Chairperson