

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB297

Hearing Date: Thursday January 29, 2015
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Seiler
One Liner: Change the salaries of Supreme Court judges

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Coash, Krist, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Seiler, Williams
Nay:		
Absent:	2	Senators Chambers, Ebke
Present Not Voting:		

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

SEN. LES SEILER
MIKE HEAVICAN
AMIE MARTINEZ
ROBERT OTTE
STEVEN BURNS
LAURIE YARDLEY
LORAN SCHMIT

Representing:

INTRODUCER
NE SUPREME COURT
NEBRASKA STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
NE DISTRICT COURT JUDGES ASSOCIATION
DISTRICT JUDGES ASSOCIATION
COUNTY JUDGES ASSOCIATION
SELF

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB297 would provide for a 4.5% salary increase for Nebraska judges in 2015 and 2016.

LB297 would amend 24-201.01 to increase the salaries of the Chief Justice and the judges of the Supreme Court from \$160,540.25 to \$167,764.00 on July 1, 2015 and to \$175,313.00 on July 1, 2016.

Under 24-1101(3), the salaries for judges of the Court of Appeals are fixed at 95% of the salaries set for the Chief Justice and judges of the Supreme Court. Under LB297, this salary would increase to \$166,547.35 in 2016.

Under 24-301.01 and 48-159, salaries for district court judges, judges of the separate juvenile court and workers compensation court judges are fixed at 92.5% of the salaries set for the Chief Justice and judges of the Supreme Court. Under LB297, this salary would increase to \$162,164.53 in 2016.

Under 24-513, salaries for county court judges are fixed at 90% of the salaries set for the Chief Justice and judges of the Supreme Court. Under LB297, this salary would increase to \$157,781.70 in 2016.

LB663 has also been introduced to increase salaries for Nebraska judges. This bill would increase salaries by 2.25% in

2015 and 2.4% in 2016. This bill will be set for hearing on February 4, 2015.

Les Seiler, Chairperson