

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB663**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 04, 2015  
**Committee On:** Judiciary  
**Introducer:** Speaker Hadley  
**One Liner:** Change the salaries 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 Chambers, Coash, Ebke, Krist, Pansing Brooks, Seiler, Williams
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator Morfeld
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Verbal Testimony:**

<b>Proponents:</b> SALLY SCHULTZ GERRY OLIGMUELLER	<b>Representing:</b> INTRODUCER ON BEHALF OF SPEAKER HADLEY GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
<b>Opponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
<b>Neutral:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>

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

LB663 would provide for a 2.25% salary increase for Nebraska judges in 2015 and a 2.4% increase in 2016.

LB663 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 \$164,152.41 on July 1, 2015 and to \$168,092.06 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 LB663, this salary would increase to \$159,687.48 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 LB663, this salary would increase to \$155,485.16 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 LB663, this salary would increase to \$151,282.85 in 2016.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM885 would provide for a 3.5% increase in 2015 and 2016. The salary of the Chief Justice and the judges of the Supreme Court would be set at \$166,159.16 on July 1, 2015. The salary would be set at \$171,974.73 on July 1, 2016.

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The salaries for judges of the Court of Appeals, district court judges, judges of the separate juvenile court, workers compensation court judges and county court judges would be fixed at the statutory percentages.

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Les Seiler, Chairperson