

Legislative Analysis



SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SALARY INCREASE

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House Concurrent Resolution 6 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Jimmie Wilson, Jr.
Committee: Government Operations
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SUMMARY:

House Concurrent Resolution 6 would approve determinations made by the State Officers Compensation Commission (SOCC)¹ at its meeting of May 24, 2023, that justices of the Michigan Supreme Court should receive a 7% salary increase in both 2025 and 2026 and a \$10,000 annual expense allowance.² SOCC determinations must be approved by concurrent resolution adopted by a majority of both houses of the legislature to become effective. If approved, the recommended salary increases and expense allowance would go into effect beginning January 1, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The current salary for a supreme court justice is \$181,483. A 7% increase effective January 1, 2025 would raise the salary amount to \$194,187, and a subsequent 7% increase effective January 1, 2026 would raise the salary amount to \$207,780. As salary amounts increase each year, there would be a corresponding increase in payroll taxes and retirement costs. Therefore, in 2025, an increase from \$181,483 to \$194,187 would cost the state an additional \$96,443, in addition to \$70,000 that would be required to cover costs of the \$10,000 annual expense allowance for each of the seven justices. In 2026, an increase from \$194,187 to \$207,780 would cost the state an additional \$103,192.

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¹ <https://www.michigan.gov/mdcs/quick-links/state-officers-compensation-commission>

² <https://www.michigan.gov/mdcs/-/media/Project/Websites/mdcs/SOCC/SOCC-2023-Determination.pdf>