

SUPREME COURT

Judicial Compensation
[LFB Paper #590]
Substitute Alternative

Motion:

Move to adopt Alternative #3 under LFB Paper #590.

In addition, direct the Administrator of the Division of Personnel Management (DPM) in the Department of Administration, in establishing the 2017-19 state employee compensation plan for submission to the Joint Committee on Employment Relations (JCOER) for approval, to consult with the Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court on establishing salary levels for judges and justices at a level greater than the equivalent of two 2% general wage adjustments for judges and justices during the 2017-19 biennium.

Note:

This motion would adopt Alternative #3 of the LFB paper. As a result, the Governor's recommendation to create a new process through which judicial compensation would be established and approved by JCOER would be deleted. In addition, funding appropriated directly to the Court System for judicial wage adjustments totaling \$334,000 GPR in 2018-19 would be deleted.

Instead, current law would be maintained and judicial compensation would continue to be established under the state employee compensation plan. Further, compensation reserves would be increased by \$694,400 GPR in 2018-19 in order to support a 2% GWA for judges and justices on September 30, 2018, as well as another 2% GWA for judges and justices on May 26, 2019.

In addition, the motion would direct the Administrator of DPM, in establishing the 2017-19 state employee compensation plan, to consult with the Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court in establishing salary levels for judges and justices.

After consulting with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, if DPM includes in the 2017-19 compensation plan salary increases for judges and justices beyond the equivalent of two 2% general wage adjustments during the 2017-19 biennium, and those increases are approved by JCOER, the cost of such increases would be supported by amounts in compensation reserves as well as the Court System's existing resources.

[Change to Base: \$694,400 GPR (compensation reserves)]

[Change to Bill: -\$334,000 GPR (Court System); \$694,000 GPR (compensation reserves)]

