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December 8, 2015

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RE: Report pursuant to Item 37, Paragraph D of Chapter 665, 2015 Virginia Acts of Assembly

Dear Chairmen:

Item 37, Paragraph D of Chapter 665, 2015 Virginia Acts of Assembly requests that prior to January 1 of each year, the Judicial Council and the Committee on District Courts submit a fiscal impact assessment of their recommendations for the creation of any new judgeships, including the cost of judicial retirement, to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on Courts of Justice, and the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees.

Please find enclosed an assessment of the annual cost of each circuit and district judgeship.

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If you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KRH". The letters are stylized and cursive.

Karl R. Hade

KRH: jrp

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard E. Hickman, Jr., Senate Finance Committee
Mr. Michael Jay, House Appropriations Committee
Ms. Mary Kate Felch, Division of Legislative Services
Division of Legislative Automated Systems

JUDGESHIP COSTS
SALARY EFFECTIVE 8/10/15

	Circuit
SALARY	\$166,136
RETIREMENT 55.02%	91,408
GROUP LIFE 1.19%	1,977
RETIREE HEALTH INS. 1.05%	1,744
FICA BASE 118,500 @7.65%	9,065
FICA (above cap) 47,636 @1.45%	691
HEALTH	17,124
DEF COMP MATCH	480
CLERK HIRE	1,500
PERSONAL COMPUTER	2,500
SUB/RET JUDGES:	
CIRCUIT AVG.EXP. PER JUDGE	8,060
FICA FOR SUB JUDGE	617
 TOTAL	 \$301,302

CIRCUIT SUBSTITUTE BASED ON 32.24 DAYS @ \$250.00 (CY2014)

JUDGESHIP COSTS
SALARY EFFECTIVE 8/10/15

	District
SALARY	\$149,531
RETIREMENT 55.02%	82,272
GROUP LIFE 1.19%	1,779
RETIREE HEALTH INS. 1.05%	1,570
FICA BASE 118,500 @7.65%	9,065
FICA (above cap) 31,031 @1.45%	450
HEALTH	17,124
DEF COMP MATCH	480
PERSONAL COMPUTER	2,500
SUB/RET JUDGES:	
DISTRICT AVG.EXP. PER JUDGE	9,308
FICA SUB JUDGE	712
 TOTAL	 \$274,791

DISTRICT SUBSTITUTE BASED ON 37.23 DAYS @ \$250.00 (CY2014)