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December 8, 2020

The Honorable John S. Edwards
Chair, Judiciary Committee
Senate of Virginia
P.O. Box 1179
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The Honorable Charniele L. Herring
Chair, Courts of Justice Committee
Virginia House of Delegates
P.O. Box 11779
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The Honorable Janet D. Howell
Chair, Finance and Appropriations Committee
Senate of Virginia
P.O. Box 2608
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The Honorable Luke E. Torian
Chair, Appropriations Committee
Virginia House of Delegates
4222 Fortuna Plaza, Suite 659
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RE: Report pursuant to Item 39, Paragraph D of the 2020 Appropriation Act

Dear Chairs Edwards, Herring, Howell, and Torian:

Item 39, Paragraph D of the 2020 Appropriation Act 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 Chairs of the House Committee on Court of Justice, Senate Judiciary Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee.

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Please find enclosed assessments of the annual cost of each authorized district court judgeship and each authorized circuit court judgeship.

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 'K R H', written in a cursive style.

Karl R. Hade

KRH: jrp

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Adam Rosatelli, Senate Finance Committee
Mr. David Reynolds, House Appropriations Committee
Division of Legislative Automated Systems

DISTRICT JUDGESHIP COSTS
FISCAL YEAR 2021

		<u>District</u>
SALARY		\$158,252
RETIREMENT	29.84%	47,222
GROUP LIFE	1.34%	2,121
RETIREE HEALTH INS.	1.12%	1,772
FICA BASE	137,700 @7.65%	10,534
FICA (above cap)	20,552 @1.45%	298
HEALTH		21,624
DEF COMP MATCH		480
PERSONAL COMPUTER		2,500
SUB/RET JUDGES:		
DISTRICT AVG. EXP. PER JUDGE		8,885
FICA SUB JUDGE		680
TOTAL		\$254,368

DISTRICT SUBSTITUTE BASED ON 30.64 DAYS @ \$250.00 (CY2019)

CIRCUIT JUDGESHIP COSTS
FISCAL YEAR 2021

		Circuit
SALARY		\$175,826
RETIREMENT	29.84%	52,466
GROUP LIFE	1.34%	2,356
RETIREE HEALTH INS.	1.12%	1,969
FICA BASE	137,700 @7.65%	10,534
FICA (above cap)	38,126 @1.45%	553
HEALTH		21,624
DEF COMP MATCH		480
CLERK HIRE		1,500
PERSONAL COMPUTER		2,500
SUB/RET JUDGES:		
CIRCUIT AVG.EXP. PER JUDGE		6,043
FICA FOR SUB JUDGE		462
TOTAL		\$276,313

CIRCUIT SUBSTITUTE BASED ON 21.98 DAYS @ \$250.00 (CY2019)