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AN ACT to establish the compensation for judges.

<i>Commencement:</i>	<i>January 13, 1983</i>
<i>Source:</i>	<i>P. L. 1983-3</i>
<i>Amended By:</i>	<i>P. L. 1984-16 P. L. 1984-20 P. L. 1985-7</i>
	<i>P. L. 1994-108 P. L. 1995-135 P. L. 2001-23 P. L. 2003-78</i>
	<i>P. L. 2007-94 P. L. 2010-48 P. L. 2011-65 P. L. 2013-26</i>
	<i>P.L 2016-02 P.L 2021-38 P. L. 2022-54</i>

§401. Short Title.

This Chapter may be cited as the Judicial Compensation Act 1983.
[P.L. 1983-3, §1.]

§402. Compensation otherwise than in the Community Courts.

(1) The annual salaries of judges, other than judges of the Community Courts, are as follows:

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court	\$30,000
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court	\$25,000
Chief Justice of the High Court	\$90,000
Associate Justice of the High Court	\$80,000
Presiding Judge of the District Court	\$38,000
Associate Judge of the District Court	\$33,000
Chief Judge of the Traditional Rights Court	\$38,000

Associate Judge of the Traditional Rights Court \$35,000

- (2) The judges are also entitled to other allowances and other benefits as provided for contract officers of the Public Service.
- (3) In each case the compensation is subject to the usual deductions from salary. [P.L. 1983-3, §2, amended by P.L. 1984-16, §2, including a compensation rate for an Associate Judge of the Supreme Court; P.L. 1984-20, §2; P.L. 1985-7, §2; amended by P.L. 1995-135, §6.][salaries adjusted upwards by P.L. 2001-23][P.L. 2003-78 raised salary levels of Presiding judge and Assoc. judges of D.C to \$33,000 and \$30,000 respectively][Amended by P.L. 2007-94]; [Subsection (2) amended by P.L. 2011-65 to eliminate the Cost of Living adjustment (COLA).][Salaries of the Chief Justice of the High Court and Associate Justices of the High Court increased by P.L. 2016-02.][TRC Judges salaries increased by P.L. 2021-38];[Salaries for District Court Justices increased by P.L. 2022-54]

§403. Compensation of Judges of the Community Courts.

The annual salary of a judge of the Community Court is \$3,000. [Salary set at \$2,400 by P.L. 2001-23 §1(B).][Salary increased by P.L. 2013-26]

§404. Suspension of Compensation.

- (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Chapter or any other law, the salary of a justice or judge shall be suspended:
 - (a) for a justice or judge of the High Court, Traditional Rights Court, District Court, or a Community Court, while any cause before the judge remains pending and undetermined for 45 days after it has been submitted for decision; and
 - (b) for justice of the Supreme Court, while any cause before the justice or Supreme Court panel remains pending and undetermined for 120 days after it has been submitted for decision. [added by P.L. 1994-108, §2.][amended by P.L. 2010-48]