



One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 414

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: February 25, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Judges' salary bills are considered in the first year of each biennial session. LB 414 was introduced without specific numbers because of the uncertainty of the salaries for state employees at the time of introduction, since such percentage increases are factors in the decision for the increases in judges' salaries, along with comparability with other states, consumer price index changes, and other considerations.

It is the intent of LB 414 to increase the salaries of the judges in Nebraska by an amount that would recognize the factors cited above.

The current salary for Supreme Court judges is \$135,880.60. Under the provisions of LB 414, that salary would increase each year for the next two years in an amount established by the Legislature and the Governor.

Although the bill only specifies salary increases for Supreme Court judges, other judges—district, county, juvenile, appellate and worker's compensation court judges--will also receive an increase in salary as their salaries are statutorily tied to the Supreme Court judge salaries.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Brad Ashford