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its antecedence, its historical roots in the concept that you do not raise the compensation of a public servant during their term, but the result now is that, to give it practical effect, the pay raise which this Legislature determined to be necessary and which this Legislature authorized in 1999 has already taken effect in the county courts and the district courts, but it will not take effect for the Supreme Court until 2001, barring unforeseen circumstances when two of the justices stand for retention. We had a member of the Appellate Court of Appeals come before us and testify as to the practical, real life effect of this particular anomaly. The judge laid out for the committee how much money he had made each month as an appellate court judge as compared to what he would have made if he had remained a district court judge. Since April of 1995, when he became an appellate court judge, he received a lower salary 39 out of 59 months than he would have received if he'd been a district court judge, for a total of \$2,235.79 less than he had been scheduled to earn, and that result applied even though or notwithstanding the fact that the law provides that district court judges or that an appellate court judge would receive 2.5 percent more than a district court judge. This was simply a matter of when the raise could take effect. LR 291CA would resolve this disparity by providing that the first time any judge is replaced or stands for retention throughout our judicial system, judicial salary increases would be triggered for the entirety of the judiciary regardless of the court in which they serve. I believe this is good legislation. I think it has much logic to it. I don't think there are any substantive reasons opposed to it and I would urge its advancement and adoption. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Thank you, Senator Brashear. Committee Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, would you like to open on the committee amendments?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I'm sorry, Mr. President, what did you say to me? I'm sorry.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There are committee amendments.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, there are.