

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 793 (HB 324)

2026 Regular Session

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New law provides for the termination of the supplement paid to the judges of the La. Supreme Court, courts of appeal, and district courts, and the state-paid actual salary of the judges of the city courts and parish courts pursuant to and authorized by Section 5 of Act 390 of the 2025 Regular Session on June 30, 2026. However, effective July 1, 2026, new law requires the supplement to continue as a cost-of-living adjustment to salary.

New law requires, effective July 1, 2026, that the actual salary of the judges of the La. Supreme Court, courts of appeal, and district courts, and the state-paid actual salary of the judges of the city courts and parish courts reflect the recommended cost-of-living adjustment and be increased by the amount recommended by the Judicial Compensation Commission representing a total increase of less than 2% for each year since the last increase as follows:

- (1) \$12,129 for the justices of the La. Supreme Court.
- (2) \$11,431 for the judges of the courts of appeal.
- (3) \$10,723 for the judges of the district courts.
- (4) An amount for judges of the city and parish courts that would increase their state-paid salary by the same percentage as district court judges.

New law provides for a 2.7% increase in the actual salary of the judges of the La. Supreme Court, courts of appeal, and district courts, and the state-paid actual salary of the judges of the city courts and parish courts effective July 1, 2027.

New law requires that the cost-of-living adjustment for Fiscal Year 2026-27 be funded by the judiciary itself upon certification by the La. Supreme Court and the La. Judicial Budgetary Control Bd. that the judiciary has sufficient reserves to satisfy the obligation.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 13:51)