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H. R. 698

To repeal the requirement relating to specific statutory authorization for increases in judicial salaries, to provide for automatic annual increases for judicial salaries, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 10, 1999

Mr. WICKER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. JUDICIAL COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES.**

4 (a) REPEAL OF STATUTORY REQUIREMENT RELAT-
5 ING TO JUDICIAL SALARIES.—Section 140 of the resolu-
6 tion entitled “A Joint Resolution making further continu-
7 ing appropriations for the fiscal year 1982, and for other

1 purposes.”, approved December 15, 1981 (Public Law 97–
2 92; 95 Stat. 1200; 28 U.S.C. 461 note) is repealed.

3 (b) AUTOMATIC ANNUAL INCREASES.—Section
4 461(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended to read
5 as follows:

6 “(a)(1) Subject to paragraph (2), effective on the
7 first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on
8 or after January 1 of each calendar year, each salary rate
9 which is subject to adjustment under this section shall be
10 adjusted by an amount, rounded to the nearest multiple
11 of \$100 (or if midway between multiples of \$100, to the
12 next higher multiple of \$100) equal to the percentage of
13 such salary rate which corresponds to the most recent per-
14 centage change in the Employment Cost Index (relative
15 to the date described in the next sentence), as determined
16 under section 704(a)(1) of the Ethics Reform Act of 1989.
17 The appropriate date under this sentence is the first day
18 of the fiscal year that begins in the preceding calendar
19 year.

20 “(2) In no event shall the percentage adjustment tak-
21 ing effect under paragraph (1) in any calendar year (be-
22 fore rounding), in any salary rate, exceed the percentage
23 adjustment taking effect in such calendar year under sec-

1 tion 5303 of title 5 in the rates of pay under the General
2 Schedule.”.

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