## **BILL SUMMARY**

1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 60<sup>th</sup> Legislature

Bill No.: HB2770
Version: CS
Request Number: 13790
Author: Rep. Caldwell (Trey)
Date: 5/20/2025
Impact: Supreme Court: \$324,059/yr
Court of Criminal Appeals: \$75,475/yr

## **Research Analysis**

The committee substitute for HB2770 provides a pay increase for the following judicial positions beginning July 1, 2025:

- Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, increase from \$172,049 to \$198,212;
- Associate Judge of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, increase from \$161,112 to \$185,612;
- Presiding Judge of the Court of Civil Appeals, increase from \$155,459 to \$179,099;
- Judge of the Court of Civil Appeals, increase from \$152,632 to \$175,844;
- Presiding Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, increase from \$166,765 to \$192,126;
- Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, increase from \$161,112 to \$185,612;
- District Court Judge, increase from \$145,567 to \$167,703;
- Associate District Judge, increase from \$134,261 to \$154,678;
- Special Judge, increase from \$122,954 to \$141,651.

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## **Fiscal Analysis**

The CS to HB2770 raises certain judicial salaries. Officials with the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) have provided the following information:

Proposed Judicial Salary Increase Fiscal Impact - 7% for Appellate Justices/Judges Effective July 1, 2025

Position	Number of Positions	Current Salary	Proposed Salary	Salary Increase by Position	Total Salary Increase	Benefit Cost Increase	Total Cost Increase
Chief Justice	1	185,245	198,212	12,967	12,967	3,041	16,008
Associate Justice	8	173,469	185,612	12,143	97,142	22,776	119,918
Presiding Judge - COCA	1	167,383	179,100	11,717	11,717	2,823	14,540
Judge - COCA	11	164,339	175,843	11,504	126,545	32,582	159,127
Administrative Director	1	164,339	175,843	11,504	11,504	2,962	14,466
Total Supreme Court							324,059
Presiding Judge	1	179,556	192,124	12,568	12,568	2,947	15,515
Judge	4	173,469	185,612	12,143	48,572	11,388	59,960
Total Court of Criminal Appeals							75,475
Grand Total							399,534

Therefore, in its current form, the AOC would need a total of \$399,534 annually to administer the increased salaries, and would seek additional funding to defray these costs.

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## **Other Considerations**

None.

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