**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 14‑1‑200 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SALARIES OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICES AND COURT OF APPEALS, CIRCUIT COURT, AND FAMILY COURT JUDGES, TO PROVIDE A SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THOSE JUDGES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 14‑1‑200 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 14‑1‑200. The General Assembly shall establish the salary of the Chief Justice ~~and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court~~ in the annual general ~~appropriation~~ appropriations act with the salary of the Chief Justice to be ~~one hundred five percent of the salary fixed for Associate Justices of the Supreme Court~~ the same as the salary of a United States district court judge and shall fix the salaries for the court of appeals, circuit court, and family court according to the following schedule:

(1) ~~The chief judge of the court of appeals shall receive a salary in an amount equal to ninety nine percent of the salary fixed for Associate Justices of the Supreme Court~~ Associate Justices of the Supreme Court shall receive a salary in an amount equal to ninety‑five percent of the salary fixed for the Chief Justice;

(2) ~~Judges of the court of appeals shall receive a salary in an amount equal to ninety seven and one half percent of the salary fixed for Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, and circuit court judges shall receive a salary in an amount equal to ninety five percent of the salary fixed for Associate Justices of the Supreme Court~~ the chief judge of the court of appeals shall receive a salary in an amount equal to ninety‑nine percent of the salary fixed for Associate Justices of the Supreme Court;

(3) ~~Judges of the family court shall receive a salary in an amount equal to ninety two and one half percent of the salary fixed for Associate Justices of the Supreme Court~~ judges of the court of appeals shall receive a salary in an amount equal to ninety‑seven and one‑half percent of the salary fixed for Associate Justices of the Supreme Court;

(4) circuit court judges shall receive a salary in an amount equal to ninety‑five percent of the salary fixed for Associate Justices of the Supreme Court; and

(5) judges of the family court shall receive a salary in an amount equal to ninety‑two and one‑half percent of the salary fixed for Associate Justices of the Supreme Court.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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