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SENATE BILL NO. 358

(By Senators TOMBLIN, MR. PRESIDENT, ET AL)



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Senate Bill No. 358

(BY SENATORS TOMBLIN, MR. PRESIDENT, WOOTON,
JACKSON, BALL AND BAILEY)

[Passed April 10, 1997; in effect from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section three, article four, chapter forty-eight-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to increasing the annual salary of the secretary-clerk of family law masters, effective the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety-seven.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section three, article four, chapter forty-eight-a of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 4. PROCEEDINGS BEFORE A MASTER.

§48A-4-3. Compensation and expenses of family law masters and their staffs.

1 (a) Prior to the first day of July, one thousand nine
2 hundred ninety-four, a family law master shall receive as
3 full compensation for his or her services an annual salary
4 of thirty-five thousand dollars.

5 (b) After the first day of July, one thousand nine hun-
6 dred ninety-four, a full-time family law master shall
7 receive as full compensation for his or her services an
8 annual salary of fifty thousand dollars and a part-time
9 family law master shall receive as full compensation for
10 his or her services an annual salary of thirty-seven thou-
11 sand five hundred dollars.

12 (c) The secretary-clerk of the family law master shall be
13 appointed by the family law master and serve at his or her
14 will and pleasure and shall receive an annual salary of
15 seventeen thousand five hundred dollars: *Provided*, That
16 beginning the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred
17 ninety-seven, the secretary-clerk of the family law master
18 appointed by the family law master shall receive an
19 annual salary of twenty-two thousand three hundred eight
20 dollars: *Provided, however*, That subsequent to the first
21 day of July, one thousand nine hundred ninety-three, the
22 secretary-clerk may receive such percentage or propor-
23 tional salary increases as may be provided for by general
24 law for other public employees and shall receive the
25 annual incremental salary increase as provided for in
26 article five, chapter five of this code.

27 (d) A temporary or special family law master shall be
28 compensated by the supreme court of appeals at an hourly
29 rate not to exceed the hourly rate paid to panel attorneys
30 for performing work in court pursuant to the provisions of
31 section thirteen-a, article twenty-one, chapter twenty-
32 nine of this code.

33 (e) Disbursement of salaries for family law masters and
34 members of their staffs shall be made by or pursuant to
35 the order of the director of the administrative office of the
36 supreme court of appeals.

37 (f) Family law masters, members of their staffs and
38 temporary family law masters shall be allowed their
39 actual and necessary expenses incurred in the perfor-

40 mance of their duties. Such expenses and compensation
41 shall be determined and paid by the director of the
42 administrative office of the supreme court of appeals
43 under such guidelines as he or she may prescribe as
44 approved by the supreme court of appeals.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Randy Schomover
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Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the Senate.

In effect from passage

Darrell E. Brown
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Clerk of the Senate

Burgess W. Gray
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Clerk of the House of Delegates

Carl Ray Tomblin
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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within *is approved* this the *22nd*
day of *April*, 1997.

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Governor

PRESENTED TO THE

GOVERNOR

Date 4/16/97

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