

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2026 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 718

**FISCAL
NOTE**

By Senators Oliverio, Woodrum, Chapman,
Charnock, Clements, Fuller, Garcia, Morris, Phillips,
Queen, Taylor, Weld, and Z. Maynard

[Introduced February 3, 2026; referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary; and then to the
Committee on Finance]

- 1 A BILL to amend and reenact §50-1-3 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to
2 increasing the salaries of magistrates.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. COURTS AND OFFICERS.

§50-1-3. Salaries of magistrates.

- 1 Notwithstanding any provisions of this code to the contrary, beginning July 1, 2021, the
2 annual salary of a magistrate shall be \$60,375, and beginning July 1, 2022, the annual salary of a
3 magistrate shall be \$63,250. Beginning July 1, 2026, the annual salary of a magistrate shall be
4 \$70,000.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to increase the salaries of magistrates to \$70,000 annually, beginning July 1, 2026.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.