

~~(3) [Be subject to review by the Comptroller and the State Court Administrator; and~~

~~(4) [Be included in the State budget as part of the budget for the [Executive] JUDICIAL Branch of State government.~~

(C) THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS SHALL PROVIDE PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES OF BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CLERK OF EACH CIRCUIT COURT TO THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND FISCAL PLANNING.

(D) (1) THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS SHALL SUBMIT THE BUDGET OF THE CLERK OF EACH CIRCUIT COURT TO THE SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND FISCAL PLANNING AT THE TIME PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY.

(2) EACH BUDGET SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE STATE BUDGET AS PART OF THE BUDGET FOR THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT AS SUBMITTED BY THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS.

[(c) The Governor may include in the State budget funds to supplement the fees and receipts of the clerks of the circuit courts.]

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(a) On application of the clerk of a circuit court or on the Secretary's own initiative, the Secretary of Personnel may set the compensation of an employee of the clerk's office, in accordance with this section.

(b) The Secretary of Personnel shall grant an annual increase in the compensation of nonelected employees of the clerk's office commensurate with that granted to other State employees.]

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(A) THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS IN THE OFFICE OF CLERK OF A CIRCUIT COURT SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE BUDGET.

(B) THE PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF PERSONNEL IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE SHALL BE AS PROVIDED BY RULES ADOPTED BY THE COURT OF APPEALS. THOSE RULES MAY PROVIDE WHETHER THE POSITIONS SHALL BE IN THE CLASSIFIED OR UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE OF THE STATE OR IN THE PERSONNEL SYSTEM OF THE JUDICIAL BRANCH.

(C) THE COMPENSATION FOR THE POSITIONS IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE SHALL BE SET BY THE CHIEF JUDGE.

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