

"judge" in §1-101(d). Sec. 1-701 prohibits decreasing a judge's salary during his term of office.

Subsection (b) is taken from Art. 26, §144(a), as amended by Ch. 343, Acts of 1972. This is a statement of legislative policy which ought to be retained, and is not necessarily included in the language of subsection (a).

The salaries of judges, as of July 1, 1973, were as follows:

Chief judge of the Court of Appeals - \$41,000

Associate judge of the Court of Appeals - \$40,000

Chief judge of Court of Special Appeals - \$38,500

Associate judge of Court of Special Appeals - \$37,500

Judge of a circuit court in any of the eight judicial circuits - \$35,500

Chief judge of the District Court - \$37,500

Associate judge of the District Court - \$30,175

SEC. 1-703. PAY PLAN; AUTOMATIC SALARY INCREASES.

(A) PAY PLAN.

SEC. 27, ARTICLE 64A OF THE CODE APPLIES TO JUDICIAL SALARIES, EXCEPT FOR ITS PROVISIONS AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY SALARY INCREASES WITH APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

(B) AUTOMATIC SALARY INCREASES.

WHENEVER A GENERAL SALARY INCREASE IS AWARDED TO STATE EMPLOYEES, EACH JUDGE SHALL RECEIVE THE SAME PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN HIS SALARY AS AWARDED TO THE LOWEST STEP OF THE HIGHEST SALARY GRADE FOR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE SALARY PLAN.