

Sixty-sixth  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1002

Introduced by

Appropriations Committee

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the judicial branch;  
2 to amend and reenact sections 27-02-02, 27-02.1-01, 27-02.1-02, 27-02.1-03, 27-02.1-04,  
3 27-02.1-05, 27-02.1-06, 27-02.1-07, 27-02.1-08, 27-02.1-09, and 27-05-03 of the North Dakota  
4 Century Code, relating to salaries of justices of the supreme court, the temporary court of  
5 appeals, and salaries of district judges; to provide for a report; and to provide for a transfer.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

7 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION.** The funds provided in this section, or so much of the funds  
8 as may be necessary, are appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state  
9 treasury, not otherwise appropriated, and from special funds derived from federal funds and  
10 other income, to the judicial branch for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the judicial  
11 branch for the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021, as follows:

12 Subdivision 1.

13 SUPREME COURT

	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Adjustments or Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
14			
15			
16	Salaries and wages	\$398,560	\$11,307,672
17	Operating expenses	(820)	2,730,762
18	Capital assets	7,500	7,500
19	Judges' retirement	(80,764)	0
20	Guardianship monitoring program	<u>316,204</u>	<u>269,552</u>
21	Total general fund	\$277,824	\$14,315,486

22 Subdivision 2.

23 DISTRICT COURTS

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		Adjustments or		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	
1				
2				
3	Salaries and wages	\$67,602,628	\$4,724,467	\$72,327,095
4	Operating expenses	20,881,207	(455,005)	20,426,202
5	Capital assets	0	75,000	75,000
6	Judges' retirement	343,290	(63,678)	279,612
7	University of North Dakota central	<u>40,000</u>	<u>(40,000)</u>	<u>0</u>
8	legal research			
9	Total all funds	\$88,867,125	\$4,240,784	\$93,107,909
10	Less estimated income	<u>1,339,138</u>	<u>315,033</u>	<u>1,654,171</u>
11	Total general fund	\$87,527,987	\$3,925,751	\$91,453,738

Subdivision 3.

JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION AND DISCIPLINARY BOARD

		Adjustments or		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	
14				
15				
16	Judicial conduct commission and	<u>\$1,174,822</u>	<u>\$72,126</u>	<u>\$1,246,948</u>
17	disciplinary board			
18	Total all funds	\$1,174,822	\$72,126	\$1,246,948
19	Less estimated income	<u>482,701</u>	<u>18,724</u>	<u>501,425</u>
20	Total general fund	\$692,121	\$53,402	\$745,523

Subdivision 4.

BILL TOTAL

		Adjustments or		
	<u>Base Level</u>	<u>Enhancements</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	
23				
24				
25	Grand total general fund	\$102,257,770	\$4,256,977	\$106,514,747
26	Grand total special funds	<u>1,821,839</u>	<u>333,757</u>	<u>2,155,596</u>
27	Grand total all funds	\$104,079,609	\$4,590,734	\$108,670,343
28	Full-time equivalent positions	355.50	5.50	361.00

**SECTION 2. ONE-TIME FUNDING - REPORT TO SIXTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE**

**ASSEMBLY.** The following amounts reflect one-time funding items approved by the sixty-fifth legislative assembly for the 2017-19 biennium and the 2019-21 biennium one-time funding items included in section 1 of this Act:

	<u>One-Time Funding Description</u>	<u>2017-19</u>	<u>2019-21</u>
1			
2	Pipeline protest trials	\$1,500,000	\$0
3	Copy machines	<u>0</u>	<u>82,500</u>
4	Total all funds	\$1,500,000	\$82,500
5	Less estimated income	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>0</u>
6	Total general fund	\$0	\$82,500

7 The 2019-21 biennium one-time funding amounts are not a part of the entity's base budget  
8 for the 2021-23 biennium. The supreme court shall report to the appropriations committees of  
9 the sixty-seventh legislative assembly on the use of this one-time funding for the biennium  
10 beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

11 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-02-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
12 amended and reenacted as follows:

13 **27-02-02. Salaries of justices of supreme court.**

14 The annual salary of each justice of the supreme court is ~~one hundred fifty-two thousand~~  
15 ~~four hundred thirty-six dollars through June 30, 2016~~one hundred sixty thousand one hundred  
16 forty-nine dollars through June 30, 2020, and ~~one hundred fifty-seven thousand nine~~  
17 ~~hundred sixty-three thousand three hundred fifty-two~~ dollars thereafter. The chief justice of the  
18 supreme court is entitled to receive an additional ~~four thousand three hundred seventy-seven~~  
19 ~~dollars per annum through June 30, 2016~~four thousand five hundred ninety-eight dollars per  
20 annum through June 30, 2020, and ~~four thousand five hundred eight~~four thousand six hundred  
21 ninety dollars per annum thereafter.

22 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-02.1-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
23 amended and reenacted as follows:

24 **27-02.1-01. Temporary court of appeals established - Jurisdiction - Writ authority -**  
25 **Administration. (Effective through January 1, 20202024)**

26 A temporary court of appeals is established to exercise appellate and original jurisdiction as  
27 delegated by the supreme court. Panels of the temporary court of appeals may issue original  
28 and remedial writs necessary to properly exercise jurisdiction in cases assigned to them. The  
29 panels of the temporary court of appeals are subject to administration by the supreme court  
30 pursuant to sections 3 and 8 of article VI of the Constitution of North Dakota.

1       **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-02.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3       **27-02.1-02. Number, assignment, and compensation of judges. (Effective through**  
4 **January 1, ~~2020~~2024)**

- 5       1. The supreme court may provide for the assignment of active or retired district court  
6 judges, retired justices of the supreme court, and lawyers, to serve on three-judge  
7 panels of the temporary court of appeals if the chief justice certifies to the governor  
8 that the supreme court has disposed of two hundred fifty cases in the twelve months  
9 preceding September first of any year. Assignments may be made for a time certain,  
10 not to exceed one year from the date of assignment, or specifically for one or more  
11 cases on the docket of the supreme court.
- 12       2. An active or retired district court judge serving on the temporary court of appeals may  
13 not be assigned to hear cases in which the judge participated while serving on the  
14 district court. An active district court judge may not be assigned to hear cases that  
15 originated in the judicial district of the judge.
- 16       3. An active district court judge serving on the temporary court of appeals is not entitled  
17 to additional compensation, but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses as provided  
18 by sections 44-08-04 and 54-06-09.
- 19       4. Retired justices of the supreme court, retired district court judges, and lawyers serving  
20 as judges on panels of the temporary court of appeals are entitled to receive as  
21 compensation for each day of service in the performance of duties pursuant to the  
22 assignment an amount equal to five percent of the gross monthly salary as provided  
23 for a regularly elected or appointed justice of the supreme court, or one-half of the  
24 daily compensation for services of one-half day or less. The compensation must be  
25 paid upon certification by the judge that the services were performed for the number of  
26 days shown on the certificate and must be paid in the same manner as the salaries of  
27 the regularly elected or appointed judges are paid.

28       **SECTION 6. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-02.1-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
29 amended and reenacted as follows:

1           **27-02.1-03. Assignment and reassignment of cases - Quorum for decision of cases -**  
2 **Authority in furtherance of jurisdiction. (Effective through January 1, 2020~~2020~~2024)**

- 3           1. Panels of the temporary court of appeals have jurisdiction to hear and to decide all  
4 cases assigned by the supreme court.
- 5           2. The supreme court may order reassignment of any case from a panel of the temporary  
6 court of appeals to the supreme court.
- 7           3. A majority of the three judges of a panel of the temporary court of appeals hearing a  
8 case is necessary to pronounce a decision.
- 9           4. When a judgment or order is reversed, modified, or confirmed by a panel of the  
10 temporary court of appeals, the reasons must be concisely stated in writing, signed by  
11 the judges concurring, filed in the office of the clerk of the supreme court, and  
12 preserved with the record of the case. Any judge concurring or dissenting may give the  
13 reasons for the judge's concurrence or dissent in writing over the judge's signature.

14           **SECTION 7. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-02.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
15 amended and reenacted as follows:

16           **27-02.1-04. Administration - Employees and clerical assistance - Court of record -**  
17 **Place of sessions. (Effective through January 1, 2020~~2020~~2024)**

- 18           1. The clerk of the supreme court shall provide clerk services to panels of the temporary  
19 court of appeals.
- 20           2. Panels of the temporary court of appeals may hold court in any place the panel  
21 considers convenient and efficient for conducting its business.
- 22           3. All proceedings of the panels of the temporary court of appeals must be pursuant to  
23 the rules adopted by the supreme court.

24           **SECTION 8. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-02.1-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
25 amended and reenacted as follows:

26           **27-02.1-05. Chief judge. (Effective through January 1, 2020~~2020~~2024)**

27           The chief justice of the supreme court shall designate a chief judge of each panel of the  
28 temporary court of appeals who shall preside pursuant to rules of the supreme court.

29           **SECTION 9. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-02.1-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
30 amended and reenacted as follows:

1       **27-02.1-06. Review of decisions of panels. (Effective through January 1, ~~2020~~2024)**

2       Any party in interest who is aggrieved by a judgment or order of a panel of the temporary  
3 court of appeals may petition the supreme court for review of the judgment or order pursuant to  
4 rules of the supreme court. Upon the filing of a petition for review by the supreme court, the  
5 order or judgment and mandate of the panel of the temporary court of appeals is stayed  
6 pending action of the supreme court. The supreme court has discretion to grant or deny the  
7 petition.

8       **SECTION 10. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-02.1-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
9 amended and reenacted as follows:

10       **27-02.1-07. Right to appeal not created. (Effective through January 1, ~~2020~~2024)**

11       This chapter does not provide or create a right of appeal if that right is not otherwise  
12 provided by law. An appeal assigned to a panel of the temporary court of appeals fulfills the  
13 right of appeal provided by section 28-27-02.

14       **SECTION 11. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-02.1-08 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
15 amended and reenacted as follows:

16       **27-02.1-08. Unitary appeal - Filing of appeal - Filing fee. (Effective through January 1,**  
17 **~~2020~~2024)**

18       All appeals must be treated as one appeal process under the jurisdiction of the supreme  
19 court. In any appeal there may be only one filing and one filing fee required. The filing fee is as  
20 prescribed by section 27-03-05.

21       **SECTION 12. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-02.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
22 amended and reenacted as follows:

23       **27-02.1-09. Publication of opinions. (Effective through January 1, ~~2020~~2024)**

24       Opinions of the panels of the temporary court of appeals may be published pursuant to  
25 rules of the supreme court.

26       **SECTION 13. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-05-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
27 amended and reenacted as follows:

28       **27-05-03. Salaries and expenses of district judges.**

29       The annual salary of each district judge is ~~one hundred thirty-nine thousand six hundred~~  
30 ~~seventy-nine dollars through June 30, 2016~~one hundred forty-six thousand seven hundred  
31 forty-six dollars through June 30, 2020, and ~~one hundred forty-three thousand eight hundred~~

1 ~~sixty-nine~~one hundred forty-nine thousand six hundred eighty-one dollars thereafter. Each  
2 district judge is entitled to travel expenses, including mileage and subsistence while engaged in  
3 the discharge of official duties outside the city in which the judge's chambers are located. The  
4 salary and expenses are payable monthly in the manner provided by law. A presiding judge of a  
5 judicial district is entitled to receive an additional ~~four thousand thirty-five dollars per annum~~  
6 ~~through June 30, 2016~~four thousand two hundred forty dollars per annum through June 30,  
7 2020, and ~~four thousand one hundred fifty-six~~four thousand three hundred twenty-four dollars  
8 thereafter.

9 **SECTION 14. APPROPRIATION.** There are appropriated any funds received by the  
10 supreme court, district courts, and judicial conduct commission and disciplinary board, not  
11 otherwise appropriated, pursuant to federal acts and private gifts, grants, and donations for the  
12 purpose as designated in the federal acts or private gifts, grants, and donations for the period  
13 beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021.

14 **SECTION 15. TRANSFERS.** The director of the office of management and budget shall  
15 transfer appropriation authority between line items in section 1 of this Act as requested by the  
16 supreme court upon a finding by the court that the nature of the duties of the court and its staff  
17 requires the transfers to carry on properly the functions of the judicial branch of government.