

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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CHAPTER 571  
HOUSE BILL 73

AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 7A-101 CONCERNING THE COMPENSATION OF CLERKS  
OF SUPERIOR COURT AND G.S. 7A-172 CONCERNING THE COMPENSATION OF  
MAGISTRATES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** G.S. 7A-101(a) is amended by rewriting the table therein to read as follows:

"Population	Salary
Less than 10,000	\$ 9,900.00
10,000 to 19,999	12,500.00
20,000 to 49,999	15,000.00
50,000 to 99,999	17,000.00
100,000 to 199,000	19,800.00
200,000 and above	24,000.00"

**Sec. 2.** G.S. 7A-101(b) is rewritten to read as follows:

"At the beginning of each fiscal year the Administrative Officer of the Courts may, in his discretion, recommend to the Advisory Budget Commission an increase in the annual salary of any clerk of superior court, but the annual salary increase, if approved by the Advisory Budget Commission, shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the salary received by that clerk for the preceding year, and the total of annual increases shall not cause the clerk's total salary to exceed the salary set forth in subsection (a) for clerks in the next higher population group. The total of annual raises for any clerk in the 200,000 and above population group shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the salary set forth in subsection (a) for clerks in that group.

A recommended increase in the salary of the clerk shall be based on a finding by the Administrative Officer of the Courts of one or more of the following:

(a) The records and reports of the clerk meet high standards of completeness, accuracy, and timeliness, and the operations of the clerk's office are discharged with exceptional efficiency and economy; or

(b) The responsibilities of the clerk, due to rapid population growth or rapid increase in judicial business, have increased above the average for clerks in his salary grouping.

The decision of the Advisory Budget Commission under this subsection shall be final. This subsection shall not apply to a clerk who has served less than one year in office."

**Sec. 3.** G.S. 7A-172 is amended by deleting "seven thousand nine hundred and forty-four dollars (\$7,944)", and inserting in lieu thereof "eight thousand seven hundred and sixty dollars (\$8,760)".

**Sec. 4.** This act shall become effective July 1, 1973.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 17th day of May, 1973.