1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)
4	ENGROSSED SENATE
5	BILL NO. 548 By: Sykes of the Senate
6	and
7	Sears of the House
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9	An Act relating to judicial officers; amending 20
10	O.S. 2011, Sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 30.2A and 31.2, which relate to salaries; requiring legislative
11	approval of changes in judicial compensation; authorizing legislative amendment of changes in
12	judicial compensation; modifying compensation of certain judicial officers; requiring payment from
13	existing available funds; and providing an effective date.
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15	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
16	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 3.1, is
17	amended to read as follows:
18	Section 3.1. <u>A.</u> Except as otherwise provided by the Board on
19	Judicial Compensation, the following judicial officers shall receive
20	compensation for their services, payable monthly as follows:
21	1. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall receive an
22	annual salary of <del>One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred</del>
23	Seventy-one Dollars (\$117,571.00) One Hundred Fifty-five Thousand
24	Eight Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$155,820.00); and
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<u>UNDERLINED</u> language denotes Amendments to present Statutes. BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED language denotes Committee Amendments. Strike thru language denotes deletion from present Statutes. 1 2. An Associate Justice of the Supreme Court shall receive an 2 annual salary of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Seventyone Dollars (\$113,571.00) One Hundred Forty-five Thousand Nine 3 4 Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$145,914.00).

5 B. Any increase in salary provided for in subsection A of this 6 section must be paid from existing available funds.

SECTION 2. 7 AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 3.2, is amended to read as follows: 8

9 Section 3.2. A. There is hereby created the Board on Judicial Compensation. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 11 of Article 10 11 VII of the Oklahoma Constitution, members of the State Judiciary 12 shall receive compensation as shall be fixed by the Board on Judicial Compensation as provided in this act Section 3.1 et seq. of 13 this title, unless if such compensation is rejected approved, or 14 15 amended and approved, by law passed by a majority vote of each house 16 of the Legislature. If the Governor vetoes such a law, the procedure shall be the same as for the veto of any other bill or 17 joint resolution. 18

The Board shall be composed of seven (7) members. в. 19 Two 20 members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, two members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House 21 of Representatives, two members shall be appointed by the Governor, 22 and one member shall be appointed by the Chief Justice of the 23 24 Supreme Court. The members appointed by the President Pro Tempore SB548 HFLR

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1 of the Senate shall be from labor and civic organizations. The members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives 2 shall be from communications media and retail business. The members 3 appointed by the Governor shall be from manufacturing and 4 5 professional fields not otherwise specified. The member appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall be from agriculture. 6 7 No more than four members shall be from any one political party. No active or retired judge or attorney practicing law in any state may 8 9 serve on the Board on Judicial Compensation.

10 C. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide such 11 staff and support as is necessary for the Board on Judicial 12 Compensation to carry out its duties. Requests from the Board for 13 staff and support shall be coordinated through the Office of the 14 Administrative Director of the Courts.

D. The members of the Board shall serve terms which run concurrently with the terms of the respective appointing authorities and shall serve at their pleasure.

18 E. The members of the Board shall select a chair and secretary 19 and such other officers as they deem necessary.

F. Members of the Board shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed by their appointing authority for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

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3 Section 3.3. A. The Board on Judicial Compensation shall meet on the third Tuesday of September in every odd-numbered year in the 4 5 Administrative Office of the Courts, at which meeting the Board shall review the compensation paid to members of the State Judiciary 6 7 and, if necessary, change the compensation. In its review, the Board shall consider various factors, including judicial 8 9 compensation in other states, with an emphasis on states within the 10 region, the value of comparable services performed in the private 11 sector, compensation of attorneys in the private and public sectors, 12 compensation of other state, county and municipal public officials, and changes in the cost of living. The Board may, at the call of 13 the chair or upon a majority vote of its membership, hold such 14 15 additional meetings as are necessary to carry out its official duties. Any change in judicial compensation shall be made by the 16 Board not later than the third Tuesday of November in said odd-17 numbered year. Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum 18 and a majority vote of the quorum shall be necessary for the Board 19 to act. 20

Any change in judicial compensation, unless rejected or 21 Β. amended as provided for in Section 2 of this act if approved, or 22 23 amended and approved, by the Legislature as provided in Section 3.2 24 of this title, shall become effective on July 1 of the following SB548 HFLR

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calendar year. Any amendment passed by a majority vote of each
 house of the Legislature shall become effective as provided by said
 such amendment unless vetoed by the Governor.

4 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 30.2A, is 5 amended to read as follows:

Section 30.2A. <u>A.</u> Except as otherwise provided by the Board on
Judicial Compensation, the following judicial officers shall receive
compensation for their services, payable monthly as follows:

9 1. The Presiding Judge of the Court of Civil Appeals shall
10 receive an annual salary of One Hundred Nine Thousand Seven Hundred
11 Thirty-one Dollars (\$109,731.00) One Hundred Forty Thousand Seven
12 Hundred Ninety-five Dollars (\$140,795.00); and

A Judge of the Court of Civil Appeals shall receive an
 annual salary of <del>One Hundred Eight Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-six</del>
 <del>Dollars (\$108,336.00)</del> <u>One Hundred Thirty-eight Thousand Two Hundred</u>
 Thirty-five Dollars (\$138,235.00).

B. Any increase in salary provided for in subsection A of this
section must be paid from existing available funds.

19SECTION 5.AMENDATORY20 O.S. 2011, Section 31.2, is20amended to read as follows:

21 Section 31.2. <u>A.</u> Except as otherwise provided by the Board on 22 Judicial Compensation, the following judicial officers shall receive 23 compensation for their services, payable monthly as follows:

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1	1. The Presiding Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals shall
2	receive an annual salary of <del>One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Five</del>
3	Hundred Seventy-one Dollars (\$117,571.00) One Hundred Fifty-one
4	Thousand Thirty-four Dollars (\$151,034.00); and
5	2. A Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals shall receive an
6	annual salary of <del>One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-</del>
7	one Dollars (\$113,571.00) One Hundred Forty-five Thousand Nine
8	Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$145,914.00).
9	B. Any increase in salary provided for in subsection A of this
10	section must be paid from existing available funds.
11	SECTION 6. This act shall become effective in accordance with
12	the provisions of Section 58 of Article V of the Oklahoma
13	Constitution.
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15	COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated 04/01/2015 - DO PASS.
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