

HB 85

JUDICIAL COMPENSATION

COST TO COUNTIES COMPARISON

Superior Court Judges Salary – State \$141,970.00 + 80,200.00 supplement = \$222,170.00

CURRENT Cost to Counties under Legislative Supplement SB9 with 6th Judgeship:

	<u>Richmond County</u>	<u>Burke County</u>
Chief Judge:	\$ 66,000.00	\$16,200.00
Remaining 5 Judges:	\$256,000.00	\$64,800.00
Total	\$386,000.00	\$93,960.00

Additional costs for 2025

HB85 Requirement to be in place **Effective June, 2025-December, 2025** – 5 Judges (6th Judge not onboard until January 1, 2026)

Chief Judge: Additional	\$7,000.00 (\$1000/month)	Additional \$ 700.00 (\$100/month)
Locality Pay:	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Fringe Benefits:	\$35,000.00 (\$1000/month/Judge)	\$3,500.00 (\$100/mth/Judge)

PROJECTED Cost to Counties under HB 85 – **Effective January 1, 2026 – 6 Judges:**

Chief Judge:	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 1,200.00
Locality Pay:	\$100,530.00 (20,106.00/Each)	\$10,050.00 (\$2,010.00/Each)
Fringe Benefits:	\$ 100,295.00 (20,059/Each)	\$10,025.00 (\$2,005.00/Each)
Total	\$ 252,990.00	\$ 25,290.00

HB 85 provides for Chief Judge Supplement and Reimbursement of Employee Expenses in the form of fringe benefits must be in place by June 30, 2025. Locality Pay and Fringe Benefits subject to increases with increase in state pay with current supplement eliminated January 1.