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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
126TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 263,
L.D. 725, Bill, "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Judicial
Compensation Commission"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the 4th indented paragraph (page 1, line
16 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 to 7 and inserting the following:

'**Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §4, sub-§2-A**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 643, Pt. M, §3, is
further amended to read:

2-A. Cost-of-living adjustment. Effective July 1, 1999 and every July 1st
thereafter, the State Court Administrator shall adjust the salaries of the State's chief
justices, chief judge, deputy chief judge, associate justices and associate judges by any
percentage change in the Consumer Price Index from January 1st to December 31st of the
previous year, but only to a maximum increase of 4% 3%. The State Court Administrator
shall determine the cost of these adjustments; notify the State Budget Officer and the
Director of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review of these costs; and include them in
the Judicial Department's budget requests, as necessary. For purposes of this subsection,
"Consumer Price Index" means the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and
Clerical Workers: United States City Average, All items, 1967=100, as compiled by the
United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics or, if the index is revised
or superseded, the Consumer Price Index is the index represented by the Bureau of Labor
Statistics as reflecting most accurately changes in the purchasing power of the dollar by
consumers.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment reduces the maximum annual percentage cost-of-living increase for judicial salaries from 4% to 3%.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

SPONSORED BY: 

(Senator HILL)

COUNTY: York



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LR 1047(04)

An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Judicial Compensation Commission

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Hill of York

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$94,895)	(\$196,433)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$94,895)	(\$196,433)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment, which lowers the upper limit for the cost-of-living-adjustments from 4% to 3% that are used to calculate the Judicial Department's Personal Services costs in the Biennial Budget requests, will reduce future Personal Services baseline budget appropriations by \$94,895 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$196,433 in fiscal year 2016-17.