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# Committee Report

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

**April 30, 2019**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Committee on Judiciary to which was referred**

**SB 183-FN,**

**AN ACT relative to salaries of certain circuit court**

**judges. Having considered the same, report the same**

**with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.**

**Rep. David Woodbury**

**FOR THE COMMITTEE**

## COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	<b>Judiciary</b>
Bill Number:	<b>SB 183-FN</b>
Title:	<b>relative to salaries of certain circuit court judges.</b>
Date:	<b>April 30, 2019</b>
Consent Calendar:	<b>REGULAR</b>
Recommendation:	<b>OUGHT TO PASS</b>

### STATEMENT OF INTENT

Prior to the creation of the circuit courts, Manchester, Nashua and Concord had presiding justices and associate justices. There was a slight differential in pay between these two positions. When the circuit courts were created, each justice had precisely the same duties and level of responsibility. This bill recognizes the new reality by eliminating this prior distinction.

Vote 18-1.

Rep. David Woodbury  
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk  
Cc: Committee Bill File

## REGULAR CALENDAR

### Judiciary

**SB 183-FN**, relative to salaries of certain circuit court judges. **OUGHT TO PASS.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

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COMMITTEE:

Judiciary

BILL NUMBER:

SB 183

TITLE:

relative to salaries of certain circuit court judges

DATE:

4-30-2019

CONSENT CALENDAR:

YES

NO

OUGHT TO PASS

OUGHT TO PASS W/ AMENDMENT

INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

INTERIM STUDY (Available only 2<sup>nd</sup> year of biennium)

Amendment No.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:

18-1

OK MK  
Smith

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

- Copy to Committee Bill File
- Use Another Report for Minority Report

Rep.

Woodbury  
For the Committee

# Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 183-FN

**BILL TITLE:** relative to salaries of certain circuit court judges.

**DATE:** April 30, 2019

**LOB ROOM:** 208

**MOTIONS:** OUGHT TO PASS

Moved by Rep. Woodbury

Seconded by Rep. Chase

Vote: 18-1

CONSENT CALENDAR: NO

**Statement of Intent:** Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,



Rep Kurt Wuelper, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 183-FN

BILL TITLE: relative to salaries of certain circuit court judges.

DATE: 4-30-2019

LOB ROOM: 208

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- ITL
- Retain (1<sup>st</sup> year)
- Adoption of Amendment # \_\_\_\_\_ (if offered)
- Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Woodbury Seconded by Rep. Chase Vote: 18-1

MOTION: (Please check one box)

- OTP
- OTP/A
- ITL
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Moved by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

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Moved by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Rep. \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

CONSENT CALENDAR: \_\_\_\_\_ YES  NO

Minority Report? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No If yes, author, Rep: \_\_\_\_\_ Motion \_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted: Kurt Wuelper  
Rep Kurt Wuelper, Clerk





2019 SESSION

Judiciary

Bill #: SB 183 Motion: OTP AM #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exec Session Date: 4-30-2019

<u>Members</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>Nays</u>	<u>NV</u>
Smith, Marjorie K. Chairman	18		
Keans, Sandra B. Vice Chairman	1		
Berch, Paul S.	2		
Horrigan, Timothy O.	3		
Woodbury, David	4		
Altschiller, Debra	5		
DiLorenzo, Charlotte I.	6		
Burroughs, Anita D.	7		
Chase, Wendy	8		
Kenney, Cam E.	9		
Langley, Diane M.	10		
Stevens, Deb	11		
Hopper, Gary S.		1	
Sylvia, Michael J.	12		
Muelper, Kurt F. Clerk	13		
Gordon, Edward M.	14		
Lanvrin, Jason A.	—	—	
Griffin, Barbara J.	15		
McLean, Mark	16		
Alexander, Joe H.	17		
<b>TOTAL VOTE:</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	

# Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 183-FN

**BILL TITLE:** relative to salaries of certain circuit court judges.

**DATE:** April 17, 2019

**LOB ROOM:** 208

**Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:27 pm

**Time Adjourned:** 10:30 am

**Committee Members:** Reps. M. Smith, Keans, Wuelper, Berch, Woodbury, Altschiller, DiLorenzo, Burroughs, Chase, Kenney, Langley, Stevens, Hopper, Sylvia, Gordon, Janvrin, B. Griffin and McLean

**Bill Sponsors:**  
Sen. Hennessey

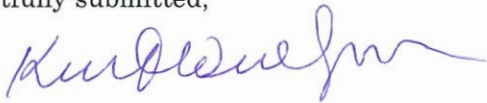
TESTIMONY

\* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

**Alan Raff, Senate President's office, Deputy Chief of Staff, - support**  
Introduced the bill to the committee on behalf of Senator Hennessey.

**Howard Zibel, Esq. Judicial Branch, Supreme Court - support**  
Judges salaries have been in the Budget bill which has had to inequity. This bill repeals the statutory differential and lets the Judicial branch do what is right.

Respectfully submitted,



Rep. Kurt Wuelper, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 183-FN

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DATE: 4-17-2019

ROOM: 208

Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 10:27

Time Adjourned: 10:30

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. M. Smith, Keans, Wuelper, Berch, Horrigan, Woodbury, Altschiller, DiLorenzo, Burroughs, Chase, Kenney, Langley, Stevens, Hopper, Sylvia, Gordon, Janvrin, B. Griffin, McLean and Alexander Jr.

Bill Sponsors:  
Sen. Hennessey

TESTIMONY

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ALAN RATH for Sen Hennessey: introduced bill  
Howard Zibel: Judges salaries have been in Budget bill which has  
lead to inequity. this bill repeals the statutory differential  
and lets the Judicial branch do what is right

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# Bill as Introduced

SB 183-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2019 SESSION

19-1008  
04/08

SENATE BILL        **183-FN**  
AN ACT            relative to salaries of certain circuit court judges.  
SPONSORS:        Sen. Hennessey, Dist 5  
COMMITTEE:       Judiciary

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ANALYSIS

This bill repeals the salary differential for the associate justices of the Concord, Nashua, and Manchester district courts.

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Explanation:     Matter added to current law appears in *bold italics*.  
                     Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]  
                     Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Nineteen*

AN ACT                   relative to salaries of certain circuit court judges.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

- 1           1 Repeal. RSA 502-A:6, I-a, relative to salary differential of the associate justices of the
- 2           Concord, Nashua, and Manchester district courts, is repealed.
- 3           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

LBAO  
19-1008  
1/7/19

**SB 188-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
AS INTRODUCED**

**AN ACT** relative to salaries of certain circuit court judges.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation, as introduced, has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2020 through 2023.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Judicial Branch



