

105TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 394

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 5, 1997

Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. FAIRCLOTH) (by request) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. JUDICIAL SALARIES.**

4       (a) INCREASE IN JUDICIAL SALARIES.—

5               (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sections 5,  
6       44(d), 135, and 252 of title 28, United States Code,  
7       the annual salary rates of the Chief Justice of the  
8       United States, Associate Justices of the Supreme

1 Court of the United States, judges of the United  
2 States Courts of Appeals, judges of the United  
3 States District Courts, and judges of the United  
4 States Court of International Trade, are increased  
5 in the amount of 9.6 percent of each applicable rate  
6 in effect on the date immediately preceding the ef-  
7 fective date of this subsection rounded to the nearest  
8 multiple of \$100 (or if midway between multiples of  
9 \$100, to the next higher multiple of \$100).

10 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection shall  
11 take effect on the first day of the first applicable pay  
12 period beginning on or after the date of enactment  
13 of this Act.

14 (b) JUDICIAL COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS.—Sec-  
15 tion 461(a) of title 28, United States Code, is amended  
16 to read as follows:

17 “(a) Effective on the same date that the rates of basic  
18 pay under the General Schedule are adjusted pursuant to  
19 section 5303 of title 5, each salary rate which is subject  
20 to adjustment under this section shall be adjusted by the  
21 same percentage amount as provided for under section  
22 5303 of title 5, rounded to the nearest multiple of \$100  
23 (or if midway between multiples of \$100, to the next high-  
24 er multiple of \$100).”.

1       (c) AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENTS WITHOUT CONGRES-  
2       SIONAL ACTION.—Section 140 of the resolution entitled  
3       “A Joint Resolution making further continuing appropria-  
4       tions for the fiscal year 1982, and for other purposes.”,  
5       approved December 15, 1981 (Public Law 97–92; 95 Stat.  
6       1200; 28 U.S.C. 461 note) is repealed.

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