

salary increase of \$3,000 per annum. The charges to this appropriation depend on the court from which the judge is assigned and the differential in salary.

There is considerable congestion in many of the courts and the assignment of judges to these courts with backlogs appears to be essential. However, it should be pointed out that 19 superior court judges were added in 1949 and four more in 1951. A total of 76 municipal court judges were added in 1951. It appears that with these additional judges the backlog and congestion should be of a temporary nature.

Approval of this amount is recommended.

DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST APPELLATE DISTRICT

ITEM 23 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 21
Budget line No. 7

*For Support of the District Court of Appeal, First Appellate District,
From the General Fund*

Amount requested	\$205,562
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	198,908
 Increase (3.3 percent)	 \$6,654

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages	\$5,959	\$5,959	---	21	36
Operating expense	350	350	---	21	49
Equipment	345	345	---	21	56
 Total increase	 \$6,654	 \$6,654	 ---		

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$205,562
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	205,562
 Reduction	 None

ANALYSIS

This court has jurisdiction over appeals from superior courts in Los Angeles, Ventura, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties. Salary increases were granted to the justices and one clerk by the 1951 Session of the Legislature and became effective on September 22, 1951. Also other salary increases were granted by the Legislature to other employees.

The amount of \$1,655 was allocated from the Emergency Fund for the current fiscal year. Of this amount \$1,140 was for the purpose of reclassifying a legal research aid to a legal research associate. The balance was to cover price increases.

We recommend approval of the amount requested.

DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT

ITEM 24 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 22
Budget line No. 7

*For Support of the District Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District,
From the General Fund*

Amount requested	\$309,582
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	298,194
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Increase (3.8 percent)	\$11,388

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages	\$9,183	\$9,183	---	22	40
Operating expense	1,375	1,375	---	22	50
Equipment	830	830	---	22	57
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Total increase	\$11,388	\$11,388	---		

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$309,582
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	309,582
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Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

No new positions are requested. The number of filings and dispositions for the 1952-53 Fiscal Year is expected to increase slightly over the current year. The increases otherwise are due to salary increases and price increases. This court handles appeals from the Superior Courts of Los Angeles, Ventura, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties. There are nine justices assigned to this court.

Approval of the amount requested is recommended.

DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, THIRD APPELLATE DISTRICT

ITEM 25 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 23
Budget line No. 7

*For Support of the District Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District,
From the General Fund*

Amount requested	\$112,467
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	108,289
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Increase (3.9 percent)	\$4,178

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages	\$3,496	\$3,496	---	23	40
Operating expense	137	137	---	23	52
Equipment	545	545	---	23	59
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Total increase	\$4,178	\$4,178	---		

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$112,467
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	112,467
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

This court has jurisdiction over appeals from superior courts of 35 northern counties. The increase of 3.9 percent over the amount requested for the Fiscal Year 1951-52 is due to normal salary adjustments and price increases. An increase in work load is not indicated for the 1952-53 Fiscal Year.

The amount of \$2,729 was allocated from the Emergency Fund for the current fiscal year. Of this amount \$2,584 was for the purpose of reclassifying a legal research assistant to a legal research associate. The balance was to cover price increases.

We recommend approval of the amount requested.

DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, FOURTH APPELLATE DISTRICT

ITEM 26 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 24
Budget line No. 7

*For Support of the District Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District,
From the General Fund*

Amount requested	\$117,037
Estimated to be expended in 1951-52 Fiscal Year	114,382
Increase (2.3 percent)	\$2,655

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages	\$2,398	\$2,398	---	24	29
Operating expense	575	575	---	24	43
Equipment	-318	-318	---	24	50
Total increase	\$2,655	\$2,655	---		

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$117,037
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	117,037
Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

This court has jurisdiction over appeals from superior courts in 10 counties. Court sessions are on a rotating basis of every four months held at San Diego, San Bernardino and Fresno. No increased work load is anticipated. The 2.3 percent increase in the budget is due to normal salary adjustments and price increases. The amount of \$16,300 requested for travel represents per diem and travel expense for three justices and three secretaries for eight months. The per diem allowance for the justices was increased to \$14 as of April 19, 1951, and \$3,500 was allocated from the Emergency Fund during the current fiscal year for that purpose.

Approval of this budget is recommended.