

**Contributions to Legislators' Retirement Fund—Continued
ANALYSIS**

Section 9358 of the Government Code provides that the State shall contribute annually to the Legislators' Retirement Fund an amount, estimated by the Board of Administration, State Employees' Retirement System, equal to so much of the benefits to be paid from the fund during that year as is not provided by the accumulated contributions of the members.

The provisions of this system, along with those of the other retirement systems to which the State contributes are discussed in a special report to the 1955 Session of the Legislature prepared by the Legislative Auditor pursuant to SCR No. 89, Statutes of 1953.

We recommend approval.

SUPREME COURT

ITEM 21 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 19
Budget line No. 7

For Support of the Supreme Court From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$489,447
Estimated to be expended in 1954-55 Fiscal Year	482,611
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Increase (1.4 percent)	\$6,836

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages	\$6,562	\$6,562	---	19	53
Operating expense	---	---	---	19	71
Equipment	274	274	---	20	7
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Total increase	\$6,836	\$6,836	---	20	9

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$489,447
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	489,447
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Reduction	None

ANALYSIS

The increase of \$6,836, or 1.4 percent over the amount requested for the 1954-55 Fiscal Year is due to normal salary adjustments and a slight increase in equipment for the library. The workload is estimated to continue at the same level as in the past few years.

Approval of the amount budgeted is recommended.

JUDICIAL COUNCIL

ITEM 22 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 21
Budget line No. 7

For Support of the Judicial Council From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$99,793
Estimated to be expended in 1954-55 Fiscal Year	95,282
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Increase (4.7 percent)	\$4,511

Judicial Council—Continued

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages-----	\$7,983	\$7,983	---	21	51
Operating expense-----	-2,600	-2,600	---	21	67
Equipment-----	-872	-872	---	21	74
Total increase-----	\$4,511	\$4,511	---	21	76

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted-----	\$99,793
Legislative Auditor's recommendation-----	99,793
Reduction-----	None

ANALYSIS

The Judicial Council is composed of 11 members of various state courts appointed by the Chief Justice to serve a term of two years each. The principal function of the council is the study of court procedures and equalization of the work of judges by making assignment of judges to courts with heavy dockets. The Chief Justice is chairman of this council.

The increase of \$4,511 or 4.7 percent over the amount estimated to be spent in the 1954-55 Fiscal Year is due to a major reclassification of the positions in the Judicial Council, the addition of a new position and to normal salary increases. The six attorney positions in the Judicial Council including the chief attorney were reclassified and the salaries increased. The chief attorney salary was raised from a salary range of \$821-1,000 per month to \$1,000-1,100 per month.

In the 1952-53 Fiscal Year there were two positions of assistant secretary. One of these positions was transferred to the Supreme Court from the Judicial Council in 1953-54. It was found that the position did not serve the judiciary as well under the Supreme Court as under the Judicial Council, so the position was transferred back during the current year.

Approval of the amount requested is recommended.

EXTRA COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES OF ASSIGNED JUDGES

ITEM 23 of the Budget Bill Budget page 21
Budget line No. 21

For Additional Support of the Judicial Council From the General Fund

Amount requested-----	\$25,000
Estimated to be expended in 1954-55 Fiscal Year-----	25,000
Increase-----	None

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted-----	\$25,000
Legislative Auditor's recommendation-----	25,000
Reduction-----	None

ANALYSIS

The Judicial Council has the constitutional responsibility to equalize the work of the judges of the various courts and expedite judicial busi-

Extra Compensation and Expenses of Assigned Judges—Continued

ness: The assignment of judges between the courts constitutes means for integrating the entire system of superior courts into a single system.

The amount proposed for the 1955-56 Fiscal Year for this purpose is budgeted at the same level as the current year, \$25,000. However, the actual amount expended for 1953-54 was somewhat less. We are informed that the number and cost of assignments is unpredictable. While the Judicial Council appears to have these expenses well under control, we feel that if the downward trend of expenditures of 1953-54 continues the amount budgeted should be reduced accordingly.

Approval of this amount is recommended.

DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST APPELLATE DISTRICT

ITEM 24 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 23
Budget line No. 7.

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

Amount requested -----	\$225,225
Estimated to be expended in 1954-55 Fiscal Year -----	223,413
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Increase (0.8 percent) -----	\$1,812

Summary'of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages -----	\$2,054	\$2,054	---	23	41
Operating expense -----	11	11	---	23	54
Equipment -----	-253	-253	---	23	61
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Total increase -----	\$1,812	\$1,812	---	23	63

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted -----	\$225,225
Legislative Auditor's recommendation -----	225,225
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Reduction -----	None

ANALYSIS

This court has jurisdiction over appeals from superior courts in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz Counties. The increase of \$1,812 over the amount requested for the Fiscal Year 1954-55 is due primarily to normal salary adjustments.

We recommend approval of the amount requested.

DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT

ITEM 25 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 24
Budget line No. 7.

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

Amount requested -----	\$345,773
Estimated to be expended in 1954-55 Fiscal Year -----	341,839
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Increase (1.2 percent) -----	\$3,934

District Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District—Continued

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages-----	\$3,574	\$3,574	---	24	37
Operating expense -----	450	450	---	24	48
Equipment -----	-90	-90	---	24	56
Total increase -----	\$3,934	\$3,934	---	24	58

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted -----	\$345,773
Legislative Auditor's recommendation -----	345,773
Reduction -----	None

ANALYSIS

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.

The increase of 1.2 percent in the budget is due primarily to normal salary adjustments.

Approval is recommended.

DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, THIRD APPELLATE DISTRICT

ITEM 26 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 25
Budget line No. 7

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

Amount requested -----	\$123,190
Estimated to be expended in 1954-55 Fiscal Year -----	121,538
Increase (1.4 percent) -----	\$1,652

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages-----	\$576	\$576	---	25	40
Operating expense -----	130	130	---	25	52
Equipment -----	946	946	---	25	59
Total increase -----	\$1,652	\$1,652	---	25	61

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted -----	\$123,190
Legislative Auditor's recommendation -----	123,190
Reduction -----	None

ANALYSIS

This court has jurisdiction over appeals from superior courts in 35 northern counties. The increase of 1.4 percent over the amount requested for Fiscal Year 1954-55 is for normal salary adjustments, and a small increase for office and library equipment.

We recommend approval of the amount requested.

DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, FOURTH APPELLATE DISTRICT

ITEM 27 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 26
Budget line No. 7

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

Amount requested	\$160,196
Estimated to be expended in 1954-55 Fiscal Year	126,327
Increase (26.8 percent)	\$33,869

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages	\$324	\$324	---	26	33
Operating expense	33,418	33,418	---	26	48
Equipment	127	127	---	26	55
Total increase	\$33,869	\$33,869	---	26	57

RECOMMENDATIONS

Amount budgeted	\$160,196
Legislative Auditor's recommendation	160,196
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.

An increase of \$33,869 or 26.8 percent appears in the proposed budget for the 1955-56 Fiscal Year. The major portion, \$33,648, of the increase is for rent of building space in Fresno, San Bernardino and San Diego. This item was transferred from the Department of Finance budget where it appeared under the Division of Buildings and Grounds. In addition to the transfer of the amount, there has been an increase in the rent for the three locations.

Approval of this budget is recommended.

GOVERNOR

ITEM 28 of the Budget Bill

Budget page 28
Budget line No. 7

For Support of the Governor's Office From the General Fund

Amount requested	\$395,930
Estimated to be expended in 1954-55 Fiscal Year	371,192
Increase (6.7 percent)	\$24,738

Summary of Increase

	Total increase	INCREASE DUE TO		Budget page	Line No.
		Work load or salary adjustments	New services		
Salaries and wages	\$21,788	\$21,788	---	28	80
Operating expense	2,950	2,950	---	29	14
Equipment	---	---	---	29	17
Total increase	\$24,738	\$24,738	---	29	19