

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 20: Courts

Chapter 3: Supreme Court—Organization and Administration

§ 37. Compensation of Justices of the Supreme Court

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A. Compensation for Justices of the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court, including the Chief Justice, shall be as established by the Citizens Committee on Compensation pursuant to Legislative Act 50-21, as amended by Legislative Act 18-24, Section 5(D)(8) and Section 5(D)(9), and any subsequent amendments thereto.

B. Salaries of Justices of the Cherokee Nation Supreme Court shall be no less than the salaries of members of the Council of the Cherokee Nation, and the salary of the Chief Justice shall be no less than the salary of the Speaker of the Council of the Cherokee Nation, as provided in Legislative Act 18-24, Section 5(D)(9)(a).

C. Fringe benefits and post-service benefits available to members and former members of the Supreme Court shall be consistent with those available to members and former members of the Council of the Cherokee Nation, as provided in Legislative Act 18-24, Section 5(D)(9)(b) and Section 5(D)(9)(c).

D. The Justices of the Supreme Court and the District Court Judges shall remain a special class of employees for purposes of travel, insurance, retirement and other benefits, and shall continue to be entitled to health insurance, retirement and other benefits that are offered to other elected and appointed officials of the Cherokee Nation, except as otherwise modified by Legislative Act 18-24 and this Act.

E. Justices of the Supreme Court and District Court Judges shall continue to be exempt from disciplinary action through Human Resources Department policy and procedures and may only be disciplined or removed under provisions of the Constitution of the Cherokee Nation.

Historical Data

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