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Amend the amendment in section 1 in the 3rd line from the end (page 1, line 23 in amendment) by striking out the following: "judge" and inserting the following: 'sitting judge as of June 30, 2005'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 4 and inserting the following:

Sec. 4. Personal Services funds carried forward. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, up to \$75,000 in unencumbered balance of Personal Services in the Judicial Department's General Fund account in fiscal year 2006-07 does not lapse and may be carried forward into fiscal year 2007-08.

Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Courts - Supreme, Superior, District and Administrative 0063

Initiative: Appropriates funds for the increase in the employers' contribution due to the provision that allows judges to include as earnable compensation imputed salary based upon cost-of-living adjustments that were not funded in fiscal year 2003-04 and fiscal year 2004-05.

GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
Personal Services	\$188,147	\$195,672
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$188,147	\$195,672

Courts - Supreme, Superior, District and Administrative 0063

Initiative: Deappropriates, on a one-time basis, funds no longer needed in the 2008-09 biennium.

GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
Personal Services	(\$188,147)	(\$195,672)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$188,147)	(\$195,672)

SUMMARY

This amendment provides clarifying language regarding eligible judges, authorizes Personal Services funds to carry forward into fiscal year 2007-08 and offsets the General Fund costs in the 2008-2009 biennium with one-time deappropriations from the Judicial Department.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)