

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

WJSA 34:15-49 (Workers' Compensation--Judges and Division Director--Salary level--increase service as referee)
 LAWS OF 1979 CHAPTER 368

Bill No. S1363

Sponsor(s) A. Russo, Feldman & Sheil

Date Introduced Oct. 5, 1978

Committee: Assembly Labor

Senate State Govt., Federal & Interstate Relations & Veterans Affairs

Amended during passage Yes No

Date of Passage: Assembly Jan. 3, 1980

Senate April 23, 1979

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Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement	Yes	Yes (Below)
Committee Statement: Assembly	Yes	Yes
Senate	Yes	No
Fiscal Note	Yes	No
Veto message	Yes	No
Message on signing	Yes	No

Following were printed:

Reports	Yes	No
Hearings	Yes	No

Sponsor's statement:

This bill directs that credit for service as referee of formal hearings be given in establishing increment category levels for the director of the Division of Workers' Compensation and the judges of compensation.

SENATE, No. 1363

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 5, 1978

By Senators A. RUSSO, FELDMAN and SHEIL

Referred to Committee on State Government, Federal and
Interstate Relations and Veterans Affairs

AN ACT concerning workers' compensation and amending R. S.
34:15-49.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. R. S. 34:15-49 is amended to read as follows:

2 34:15-49. The Division of Workers' Compensation shall have
3 the exclusive original jurisdiction of all claims for workers' com-
4 pensation benefits under this chapter. The judges of the Division
5 of Workers' Compensation shall hereinafter be appointed on a
6 bipartisan basis by the Governor, with the advice and consent of
7 the Senate and shall serve during good behavior. The salary of
8 the director of the division shall be as provided in salary range 40
9 of the Compensation Plan adopted by the Civil Service Commission
10 in accordance with Title 11, chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes of
11 New Jersey. The salary of the judges of compensation shall be
12 as provided in salary range 39 of the Compensation Plan adopted
13 by the Civil Service Commission in accordance with Title 11,
14 chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey. In addition to
15 his salary, a judge of compensation regularly assigned as a super-
16 vising judge of compensation by the director shall receive ad-
17 ditional compensation of \$1,500.00 per annum during the period
18 of such assignment. In establishing the applicable increment cate-
19 gory level of the director and the judges of compensation appro-
20 priate credit shall be given for years of service heretofore and
21 hereafter as judge of compensation, supervising judge of com-
22 pensation, chief judge of compensation **[or]**, director of the divi-
23 sion *or referee of formal hearings*. No subsequent annual increment
24 for a judge of compensation shall be made unless the judge of
25 compensation is evaluated favorably by the director of the division

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

26 on the basis of recommendations made by the supervising judge
27 of compensation. Judges of compensation shall not engage in the
28 practice of law, shall devote full time to their judicial duties,
29 and shall have been licensed attorneys for 10 years prior to their
30 appointments. The director of the division shall have the same
31 qualifications for appointment as a judge of compensation.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill directs that credit for service as referee of formal hearings be given in establishing increment category levels for the director of the Division of Workers' Compensation and the judges of compensation.

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ASSEMBLY LABOR COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 1363

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 3, 1979

The Assembly Labor Committee reports favorably on this legislation to provide credit for service as referee of workers' compensation—formal hearings, when establishing increment category levels for the director and judges of the Division of Workers' Compensation.