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VETO MESSAGE FROM THE
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
REGARDING HOUSE BILL 306 OF THE
2016 REGULAR SESSION

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OPERATING BUDGET

I, Matthew G. Bevin, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under section 88 of the Kentucky State Constitution, do hereby veto the following part:

Page 2, lines 11 through 22, in their entirety.

The salary provisions contemplated in House Bill 306 are in direct conflict to Kentucky law. KRS 64.056 clearly provides that the Chief Justice may propose salary increases for Circuit Clerks. It grants the General Assembly only the power to limit these proposed increases, and does not authorize an increase above and beyond the Chief Justice's proposal. Because House Bill 306 fails to suspend or otherwise address KRS 64.056, this provision is illegal.

FUNDS TRANSFER

I, Matthew G. Bevin, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, pursuant to the authority granted under section 88 of the Kentucky State Constitution, do hereby veto the following part:

Page 8, lines 19 through 22, in their entirety.

The need to allocate a historical level of resources to Kentucky's underfunded pension liabilities requires that all branches of state government operate within significant budgetary constraints. However, the fund transfers required by HB 306 go beyond the limit of what the Commonwealth should require from the Judicial Branch. If enacted, these fund transfers would risk placing the Judiciary in a position that could potentially negatively impact Kentuckians access to the Courts. It is imperative, however, that the Judicial Branch must continue seeking operational efficiencies and make the maximum effort to collect mandated court costs and fees, which are waived too often for reasons other than an individual's legitimate inability to pay.

This the 8th day of April, 2016

Matthew G. Bevin
Governor