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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTY-NINTH SESSION

H. F. No. 2169

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to judiciary; requiring an oath of office for justices and judges;
1.3 withholding salary for noncompliance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014,
1.4 section 480A.02, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.5 Statutes, chapters 480; 484.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. **[480.012] OATH OF OFFICE.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Oath.** Before entering upon the duties of office, each justice of the
1.9 Supreme Court shall take and subscribe an oath in the form prescribed by law for judicial
1.10 officers. The oath shall be filed with the secretary of state.

1.11 Subd. 2. **Salary payment.** No part of the salary of a justice of the Supreme Court
1.12 shall be paid unless the voucher therefore be accompanied by a certificate of the justice
1.13 indicating compliance with this section.

1.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 480A.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.15 Subdivision 1. **Oath.** (a) Before entering upon the duties of office, each judge of
1.16 the Court of Appeals shall take and subscribe an oath in the form prescribed by law for
1.17 judicial officers. The oath shall be filed with the secretary of state.

1.18 (b) No part of the salary of a judge of the Court of Appeals shall be paid unless the
1.19 voucher therefore be accompanied by a certificate of the judge indicating compliance
1.20 with this subdivision.

1.21 Sec. 3. **[484.055] OATH OF OFFICE.**

2.1 Subdivision 1. **Oath.** Before entering upon the duties of office, each judge of the
2.2 district court shall take and subscribe an oath in the form prescribed by law for judicial
2.3 officers. The oath shall be filed with the secretary of state.

2.4 Subd. 2. **Salary payment.** No part of the salary of a judge of the district court
2.5 shall be paid unless the voucher therefore be accompanied by a certificate of the judge
2.6 indicating compliance with this section.

2.7 Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.8 Sections 1 to 3 are effective July 1, 2015, and apply to justices and judges serving in
2.9 office on or after that date.