

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of:)
)
DESIGNATING TWO FURLOUGH) Administrative Order
DAYS AS NON-JUDICIAL DAYS) No. 2010 - 60
FOR THE SUPREME COURT AND)
COURT OF APPEALS)
_____)

During the 2010 Seventh Special Session of the Forty-Ninth Legislature, the Legislature approved and the Governor signed into law House Bill 2003. The Act, in part, made specific reductions for personnel expenses in fiscal years 2011 and 2012 for state employees. Section 9 of the Act requires furlough days for Executive Department employees and directs the Department of Administration to publish a list of the furlough days. Section 9 further provides that “Notwithstanding any other law . . . furlough dates published by the department of administration shall authorize participating state offices to be closed on those dates to meet the furlough requirements of this section.”

Section 10 of House Bill 2003 requires the Judiciary to reduce its personnel expenses in an amount equivalent to reductions imposed on the Executive Department, but allows the appropriate officer to determine how the reduction will be applied, including using vacancy savings, salary reductions, and furloughs.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and Chief Judges of the two divisions of the Court of Appeals have approved budget plans to make the required reduction in personnel expenses. Each plan includes eliminating positions, keeping positions vacant, and requiring all employees to take three unpaid furlough days, two of which require offices of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals to close.

Now, therefore, pursuant to Article VI, Section 3, of the Arizona Constitution and Laws 2010, Seventh Special Session, Chapter 3, Sections 9-10,

IT IS ORDERED that November 26, 2010 and December 23, 2010 are designated as non-judicial furlough days, and all offices of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals shall be closed.

Dated this 26th day of May, 2010.

REBECCA WHITE BERCH
Chief Justice