

**CONFERENCE OF CHIEF JUSTICES
CONFERENCE OF STATE COURT ADMINISTRATORS**

Resolution 5

**In Support of Authorizing an Increase in the Annual State Language
Access Assessment**

WHEREAS, the Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators have long recognized the importance of ensuring access to justice through the availability of qualified court interpreter services for limited English proficient individuals accessing the state courts; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013, the Consortium for Language Access in the Courts transitioned to the Language Access Services Section, the Council of Language Access Coordinators, and the Language Access Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, when this transition occurred, the Conferences agreed each state, the District of Columbia, and territories should contribute to the operating costs of the Language Access Services Section by paying a separate Annual State Language Access Assessment (Assessment); and

WHEREAS, the Assessment has not been increased since its inception in 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators authorize the Language Access Advisory Committee to impose a 5% increase in the Assessment, effective with the 2019 Assessment.

Approved as proposed by the CCJ/COSCA Joint Committee on Language Access Advisory at the Conference of Chief Justices and Conference of State Court Administrators 2018 Annual Meeting on August 22, 2018.