

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 1511** Session of  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JULY 21, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 1, 1956 (P.L.1959, No.657), entitled,  
2 as amended, "An act fixing the salaries and compensation of  
3 the Chief Justice and judges of the Supreme Court, the  
4 President Judge and judges of the Superior Court, the judges  
5 of the courts of common pleas, the judges of the orphans'  
6 courts, the judges of the County Court of Philadelphia and  
7 the judges of the County Court and Juvenile Court of  
8 Allegheny County, certain associate judges not learned in the  
9 law, certain state officers, and the salary and expenses of  
10 the members of the General Assembly, and repealing certain  
11 inconsistent acts," changing the authority of the commission  
12 and provisions relating to establishment of salaries.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 14.2, act of June 1,  
16 1956 (P.L.1959, No.657), entitled, as amended, "An act fixing  
17 the salaries and compensation of the Chief Justice and judges of  
18 the Supreme Court, the President Judge and judges of the  
19 Superior Court, the judges of the courts of common pleas, the  
20 judges of the orphans' courts, the judges of the County Court of  
21 Philadelphia and the judges of the County Court and Juvenile  
22 Court of Allegheny County, certain associate judges not learned  
23 in the law, certain state officers, and the salary and expenses

1 of the members of the General Assembly, and repealing certain  
2 inconsistent acts," added June 29, 1976 (P.L.452, No.111), is  
3 amended to read:

4 Section 14.2. \* \* \*

5 (b) The commission shall make an exhaustive study of the  
6 salaries, emoluments, mileage, per diem, travel and other  
7 expense allowances and reimbursements of the Governor, the  
8 Lieutenant Governor, the cabinet officers, the Auditor General  
9 and the State Treasurer, the justices and judges of the Supreme  
10 Court, the Superior Court, the Commonwealth Court, the courts of  
11 common pleas, the Municipal Court of Philadelphia and the  
12 Traffic Court of Philadelphia, and the officers and members of  
13 the General Assembly. As soon as is practicable after the  
14 effective date of this act for the initial report, and  
15 thereafter for subsequent reports no later than 31 days before  
16 the commencement of each term of the members of the General  
17 Assembly, the commission shall submit to the Governor, the Chief  
18 Justice, the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker  
19 of the House of Representatives its report [establishing]  
20 recommending such salaries, emoluments, mileage, per diem,  
21 travel and other expense allowances.

22 [The initial report] Reports of the committee shall take  
23 effect [immediately, unless, within 30 days following the date  
24 of submission thereof] when the General Assembly shall, by  
25 concurrent resolution [reject] adopt the report, in whole or  
26 part, or enacts other appropriate legislation. [as hereinafter  
27 provided in this section. Reports submitted subsequent to the  
28 initial report shall take effect and have the force and effect  
29 of law at the beginning of the first pay period of the  
30 subsequent term of the General Assembly or the date of

1 assumption of office of persons affected thereby after such  
2 date, unless within 30 days following the date of submission  
3 thereof, the General Assembly shall, by concurrent resolution,  
4 reject the said report, in whole or in part, or unless within  
5 said period the General Assembly shall enact legislation which  
6 establishes a rate of pay or allowance differing from that  
7 recommended by said report in whole or in part. That portion of  
8 the report which is not inconsistent with the resolution or  
9 legislation so adopted shall have the force and effect of law as  
10 herein provided.]

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.