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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 23, 1979

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

1 Court of Allegheny County, certain associate judges not learned
2 in the law, certain state officers, and the salary and expenses
3 of the members of the General Assembly, and repealing certain
4 inconsistent acts," added June 29, 1976 (P.L.452, No.111), is
5 amended to read:

6 Section 14.2. * * *

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

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

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

12 The reports of the commission shall have only the effect of
13 recommending salaries to the General Assembly. The General
14 Assembly may accept or reject the report of the commission in
15 whole or in part as it deems necessary. In order for any
16 salaries to be changed it shall be necessary for the General
17 Assembly to establish such changes by concurrent resolution
18 within 30 days following the date of submission of the report of
19 the commission.

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.