
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BAKER, COLEMAN, PHILLIPS-HILL, STEFANO AND DUSH,
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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of September 30, 1983 (P.L.160, No.39),
2 entitled "An act establishing salaries and compensation of
3 certain public officials including justices and judges of
4 Statewide courts, judges of courts of common pleas, judges of
5 the Philadelphia Municipal Court, judges of the Philadelphia
6 Traffic Court, district justices and the Governor, the
7 Lieutenant Governor, the State Treasurer, the Auditor
8 General, the Attorney General and certain other State
9 officers and the salary and certain expenses of the members
10 of the General Assembly; and repealing certain inconsistent
11 acts," further providing for members of the General Assembly.

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

14 Section 1. Section 4(d) and (d.1) of the act of September
15 30, 1983 (P.L.160, No.39), known as the Public Official
16 Compensation Law, are amended to read:

17 Section 4. Members of the General Assembly.

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19 (d) Subsequent annual cost-of-living adjustment for
20 members.--

21 (1) Except as provided under [paragraph] paragraphs (2)
22 and (3), for the 12-month period beginning December 1, 1997,

1 through November 30, 1998, and for each like 12-month period
2 thereafter, the salary of the members of the General Assembly
3 shall be increased by an annual cost-of-living adjustment
4 calculated by applying the percentage change in the Consumer
5 Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the
6 Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area, for the
7 most recent 12-month period for which figures have been
8 officially reported by the United States Department of Labor,
9 Bureau of Labor Statistics immediately prior to the date the
10 adjustment is due to take effect, to the then current salary
11 amounts. The percentage increase and the new salary amounts
12 shall be determined jointly by the Chief Clerk of the Senate
13 and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives prior to
14 the annual effective date of the adjustment and shall be
15 published by them in the Pennsylvania Bulletin within ten
16 days of the date such determination is made.

17 (2) The salary of the members of the General Assembly
18 may not be increased by an annual cost-of-living adjustment
19 under paragraph (1) for the period beginning December 1,
20 2020, through November 30, 2021. Notice of the provisions of
21 this subsection shall be transmitted to the Legislative
22 Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin
23 prior to December 1, 2020.

24 (3) A member of the General Assembly may elect to reject
25 receipt of the annual cost-of-living adjustment under this
26 subsection if the member notifies in writing the Chief Clerk
27 of the Senate or the Chief Clerk of the House of
28 Representatives, as applicable, no later than ten days prior
29 to the annual effective date of the adjustment. An election
30 by a member of the General Assembly to reject receipt of the

1 adjustment shall be irrevocable during the member's term of
2 office.

3 (d.1) Subsequent annual cost-of-living adjustment for
4 officers and leaders.--

5 (1) Except as provided under [paragraph] paragraphs (2)
6 and (3), for the 12-month period beginning December 1, 1997,
7 through November 30, 1998, and for each like 12-month period
8 thereafter, the additional compensation of the officers and
9 leaders of the General Assembly shall be increased by an
10 annual cost-of-living adjustment calculated by applying the
11 percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
12 Consumers (CPI-U) for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware
13 and Maryland area, for the most recent 12-month period for
14 which figures have been officially reported by the United
15 States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics
16 immediately prior to the date the adjustment is due to take
17 effect, to the then current compensation. The percentage
18 increase and the new compensation amounts shall be determined
19 jointly by the Chief Clerk of the Senate and the Chief Clerk
20 of the House of Representatives prior to the annual effective
21 date of the adjustment and shall be published in the
22 Pennsylvania Bulletin within 20 days immediately prior to
23 each cost-of-living increase taking effect.

24 (2) The additional compensation of the officers and
25 leaders of the General Assembly may not be increased by an
26 annual cost-of-living adjustment under paragraph (1) for the
27 period beginning December 1, 2020, through November 30, 2021.
28 Notice of the provisions of this subsection shall be
29 transmitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau for
30 publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin prior to December 1,

1 2020.

2 (3) An officer or leader of the General Assembly may
3 elect to reject receipt of the annual cost-of-living
4 adjustment under this subsection if the officer or leader
5 notifies in writing the Chief Clerk of the Senate or the
6 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, as applicable,
7 no later than ten days prior to the annual effective date of
8 the adjustment. An election by an officer or leader of the
9 General Assembly to reject receipt of the adjustment shall be
10 irrevocable during the officer's or leader's term of office
11 as a member of the General Assembly.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.