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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL  
No. 856

Session of  
1975

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. FINEMAN, IRVIS, COLE, WARGO, McCALL,  
SCHWEDER, COWELL, WANSACZ, McLANE, RAPPAPORT, PRENDERGAST,  
LaMARCA, DOYLE, STAPLETON, GILLESPIE, BERSON, O'DONNELL,  
GARZIA, WOJDAK, SHANE, ZEARFOSS, D. S. HAYES, HOPKINS,  
M. E. MILLER JR., KNEPPER, M. E. MILLER, DeMEDIO, MEBUS,  
MENHORN, PRATT, MRS. TOLL, MESSRS. REED AND COHEN,  
MARCH 19, 1975

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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, JULY 21, 1975

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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," making a change relating to time of  
12 payment, providing a procedure for changing mileage, and <—  
13 conforming language to the reports of the Commonwealth  
14 Compensation Commission, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR <—  
15 ACCOUNTABLE EXPENSES OF MEMBERS.

16 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
17 hereby enacts as follows:

18 Section 1. Section 14, act of June 1, 1956 (P.L.1959,  
19 No.657), entitled, as amended, "An act fixing the salaries and  
20 compensation of the Chief Justice and judges of the Supreme  
21 Court, the President Judge and judges of the Superior Court, the

1 judges of the courts of common pleas, the judges of the orphans'  
2 courts, the judges of the County Court of Philadelphia and the  
3 judges of the County Court and Juvenile Court of Allegheny  
4 County, certain associate judges not learned in the law, certain  
5 state officers, and the salary and expenses of the members of  
6 the General Assembly, and repealing certain inconsistent acts,"  
7 amended June 16, 1971 (P.L.157, No.8), is amended to read:

8       Section 14. The salary of the members of the General  
9 Assembly shall be [seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$7,200)]  
10 fifteen thousand six hundred dollars (\$15,600) per annum and  
11 mileage to and from their homes at the rate of [ten cents (10¢)]  
12 ~~twelve cents (12¢)~~ FIFTEEN CENTS (15¢) per mile circular, for <—  
13 each week a member was in actual attendance at the session,  
14 between their homes and the State capitol, and no other  
15 compensation shall be allowed whatsoever, except each member of  
16 the General Assembly shall receive an ACCOUNTABLE allowance for <—  
17 clerical assistance and other expenses incurred during his term  
18 in connection with the duties of his office, in the sum of  
19 [eight thousand four hundred dollars (\$8,400),] ~~five thousand~~ <—  
20 ~~dollars (\$5,000),~~ SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7,500), <—  
21 annually; the salary and expenses to be payable in [equal] <—  
22 monthly installments on the first of the month [with the  
23 exception that the installment due December first of each even  
24 year shall be added to and payable with the installment due  
25 January first of the following year].

26       The Rules Committees of the House of Representatives and the  
27 Senate shall study the mileage payments to be made to members of  
28 the General Assembly. The committees shall make a joint report  
29 to the General Assembly establishing the rate of mileage. The  
30 report shall take effect on the date submitted to the General

1 Assembly, unless within sixty calendar days excluding an  
2 adjournment or recess of ten days or more following the date of  
3 submission, the General Assembly shall, by concurrent  
4 resolution, reject the report, in whole or part. The change in  
5 mileage established in the report and not rejected by the  
6 General Assembly shall apply to members assuming office or whose  
7 term begins after the effective date of the report.

8       SECTION 2.   THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

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