

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1617** Session of  
2008

INTRODUCED BY A. WILLIAMS, NOVEMBER 24, 2008

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, NOVEMBER 24, 2008

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 salaries of members of the  
 12 General Assembly.

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

15 Section 1. Section 4 of the act of September 30, 1983  
 16 (P.L.160, No.39), known as the Public Official Compensation Law,  
 17 is amended by adding a subsection to read:

18 Section 4. Members of the General Assembly.

19 (e) Suspension of annual cost-of-living adjustment during  
 20 recession.--Notwithstanding any other provision of this act or  
 21 law to the contrary, the annual cost-of-living adjustment for  
 22 members, officers and leaders of the General Assembly as  
 23 provided under subsections (d) and (d.1) shall be suspended and

1 may not be paid during any time period in which the Chief Clerk  
2 of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of  
3 Representatives jointly determine that there have been two  
4 consecutive calendar quarters of negative growth in the gross  
5 domestic product of the United States. The Chief Clerk of the  
6 Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall  
7 jointly publish a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin when such  
8 time period commences and shall jointly publish an additional  
9 notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin when such time period  
10 terminates.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.