

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 27, 2015

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, reenacted November 16, 2005 (P.L.385, No.72),  
17 are amended to read:

18 Section 4. Members of the General Assembly.

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20 (d) Subsequent annual cost-of-living adjustment for  
21 members.--For the 12-month period beginning December 1, 1997,  
22 through November 30, 1998, and for each like 12-month period

1 thereafter until November 30, 2015, the salary of the members of  
2 the General Assembly shall be increased by an annual cost-of-  
3 living adjustment calculated by applying the percentage change  
4 in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, reenacted  
5 November 16, 2005 (P.L.385, No.72), (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 and  
13 the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives prior to the  
14 annual effective date of the adjustment and shall be published  
15 by them in the Pennsylvania Bulletin within ten days of the date  
16 such determination is made.

17 (d.1) Subsequent annual cost-of-living adjustment for  
18 officers and leaders.--For the 12-month period beginning  
19 December 1, 1997, through November 30, 1998, and for each like  
20 12-month period thereafter until November 30, 2015, the  
21 additional compensation of the officers and leaders of the  
22 General Assembly shall be increased by an annual cost-of-living  
23 adjustment calculated by applying the percentage change in the  
24 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the  
25 Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area, for the  
26 most recent 12-month period for which figures have been  
27 officially reported by the United States Department of Labor,  
28 Bureau of Labor Statistics immediately prior to the date the  
29 adjustment is due to take effect, to the then current  
30 compensation. The percentage increase and the new compensation

1 amounts shall be determined jointly by the Chief Clerk of the  
2 Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives prior  
3 to the annual effective date of the adjustment and shall be  
4 published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin within 20 days  
5 immediately prior to each cost-of-living increase taking effect.

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