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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 3, 2016

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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.--

22 (1) For the 12-month period beginning December 1, 1997,

1 through November 30, [1998, and for each like 12-month period  
2 thereafter] 2016, the salary of the members of the General  
3 Assembly shall be increased by an annual cost-of-living  
4 adjustment calculated by applying the percentage change in  
5 the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for  
6 the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area, for  
7 the 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) Subject to subsection (c), for the 12-month period  
18 beginning December 1, 2021, through November 30, 2022, and  
19 for each like 12-month period thereafter, the salary of each  
20 legislator shall be increased by an annual cost-of-living  
21 adjustment calculated by applying the percentage change in  
22 the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for  
23 the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area, for  
24 the most recent 12-month period for which figures have been  
25 officially reported by the United States Department of Labor,  
26 Bureau of Labor Statistics, immediately prior to the date the  
27 adjustment is due to take effect, to the then current salary  
28 amounts. The percentage increase and the new salary amounts  
29 shall be determined jointly by the Chief Clerk of the Senate  
30 and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives prior to

1 the annual effective date of the adjustment and shall be  
2 published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin within 10 days of the  
3 date the determination is made.

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

6 (1) For the 12-month period beginning December 1, 1997,  
7 through November 30, [1998, and for each like 12-month period  
8 thereafter] 2016, the additional compensation of the officers  
9 and 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) Subject to subsection (c), for the 12-month period  
25 beginning December 1, 2021, through November 30, 2022, and  
26 for each like 12-month period thereafter, the additional  
27 compensation of each legislator who is an officer and leader  
28 of the General Assembly shall be increased by an annual cost-  
29 of-living adjustment calculated by applying the percentage  
30 change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers

1 (CPI-U) for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and  
2 Maryland area, for the most recent 12-month period for which  
3 figures have been officially reported by the United States  
4 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, immediately  
5 prior to the date the adjustment is due to take effect, to  
6 the then current compensation. The percentage increase and  
7 the new compensation amounts shall be determined jointly by  
8 the Chief Clerk of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of House of  
9 Representatives prior to the annual effective date of the  
10 adjustment and shall be published in the Pennsylvania  
11 Bulletin within 20 days immediately prior to each cost-of-  
12 living increase taking effect.

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