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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 14, 2017

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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 compensation 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(d) and (d.1) of the act of September  
16 30, 1983 (P.L.160, No.39), known as the Public Official  
17 Compensation Law, are amended and the section is amended by  
18 adding a subsection to read:

19 Section 4. Members of the General Assembly.

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21 (d) Subsequent annual cost-of-living adjustment for  
22 members.--[For] Except as provided under subsection (e), for the

1 12-month period beginning December 1, 1997, through November 30,  
2 1998, and for each like 12-month period thereafter, the salary  
3 of the members of the General Assembly shall be increased by an  
4 annual cost-of-living adjustment calculated by applying the  
5 percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban  
6 Consumers (CPI-U) for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and  
7 Maryland area, for the most recent 12-month period for which  
8 figures have been officially reported by the United States  
9 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics immediately  
10 prior to the date the adjustment is due to take effect, to the  
11 then current salary amounts. The percentage increase and the new  
12 salary amounts shall be determined jointly by the Chief Clerk of  
13 the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives  
14 prior to the annual effective date of the adjustment and shall  
15 be published by them in the Pennsylvania Bulletin within ten  
16 days of the date such determination is made.

17 (d.1) Subsequent annual cost-of-living adjustment for  
18 officers and leaders.--[For] Except as provided under subsection  
19 (e), for the 12-month period beginning December 1, 1997, through  
20 November 30, 1998, and for each like 12-month period thereafter,  
21 the 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 (e) Moratorium on annual cost-of-living adjustment.--The  
7 compensation of members, officers and leaders of the General  
8 Assembly may not be increased by an annual cost-of-living  
9 adjustment under subsections (d) and (d.1) for the period  
10 beginning December 1, 2017, through November 30, 2020. Notice of  
11 the provisions of this subsection shall be published in the  
12 Pennsylvania Bulletin prior to December 1, 2017.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.