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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 731 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY BREWSTER, EICHELBERGER, BLAKE, WARD AND SCHWANK,  
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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 1, 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 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, are amended to read:

17 Section 4. Members of the General Assembly.

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19 (d) Subsequent annual cost-of-living adjustment for  
20 members.--

21 (1) For the 12-month period beginning December 1, 1997,  
22 through November 30, [1998, and for each like 12-month period

1 thereafter] 2017, the salary of the members of the General  
2 Assembly shall be increased by an annual cost-of-living  
3 adjustment calculated by applying the percentage change in  
4 the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for  
5 the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area, for  
6 the most recent 12-month period for which figures have been  
7 officially reported by the United States Department of Labor,  
8 Bureau of Labor Statistics immediately prior to the date the  
9 adjustment is due to take effect, to the then current salary  
10 amounts. The percentage increase and the new salary amounts  
11 shall be determined jointly by the Chief Clerk of the Senate  
12 and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives prior to  
13 the annual effective date of the adjustment and shall be  
14 published by them in the Pennsylvania Bulletin within ten  
15 days of the date such determination is made.

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

1 published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin within ten days of the  
2 date the determination is made.

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

5 (1) For the 12-month period beginning December 1, 1997,  
6 through November 30, [1998, and for each like 12-month period  
7 thereafter] 2017, the additional compensation of the officers  
8 and leaders of the General Assembly shall be increased by an  
9 annual cost-of-living adjustment calculated by applying the  
10 percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban  
11 Consumers (CPI-U) for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware  
12 and Maryland area, for the most recent 12-month period for  
13 which figures have been officially reported by the United  
14 States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics  
15 immediately prior to the date the adjustment is due to take  
16 effect, to the then current compensation. The percentage  
17 increase and the new compensation amounts shall be determined  
18 jointly by the Chief Clerk of the Senate and the Chief Clerk  
19 of the House of Representatives prior to the annual effective  
20 date of the adjustment and shall be published in the  
21 Pennsylvania Bulletin within 20 days immediately prior to  
22 each cost-of-living increase taking effect.

23 (2) Subject to subsection (c), for the 12-month period  
24 beginning December 1, 2021, through November 30, 2022, and  
25 for each like 12-month period thereafter, the additional  
26 compensation of each legislator who is an officer and leader  
27 of the General Assembly shall be increased by an annual cost-  
28 of-living adjustment calculated by applying the percentage  
29 change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers  
30 (CPI-U) for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and

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

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