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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 15, 2020

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.--[For]

21 (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), for
22 the 12-month period beginning December 1, 1997, through

1 November 30, 1998, and for each like 12-month period
2 thereafter, the salary of the members of the General Assembly
3 shall be increased by an annual cost-of-living adjustment
4 calculated by applying the percentage change in the Consumer
5 Price Index for All Urban Consumers (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
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) The salary of the members of the General Assembly
18 may not be increased by an annual cost-of-living adjustment
19 under paragraph (1) for the period beginning January 1, 2021,
20 through December 31, 2023. Notice of the provisions of this
21 subsection shall be transmitted to the Legislative Reference
22 Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin prior to
23 January 1, 2021.

24 (3) The salary of the members of the General Assembly
25 may not be increased by an annual cost-of-living adjustment
26 under paragraph (1) if at any point in the previous year the
27 unemployment rate in this Commonwealth, as determined by the
28 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
29 Statistics, was greater than ten percent.

30 (d.1) Subsequent annual cost-of-living adjustment for

1 officers and leaders.--[For]

2 (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), for
3 the 12-month period beginning December 1, 1997, through
4 November 30, 1998, and for each like 12-month period
5 thereafter, the additional compensation of the officers and
6 leaders of the General Assembly shall be increased by an
7 annual cost-of-living adjustment calculated by applying the
8 percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
9 Consumers (CPI-U) for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware
10 and Maryland area, for the most recent 12-month period for
11 which figures have been officially reported by the United
12 States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics
13 immediately prior to the date the adjustment is due to take
14 effect, to the then current compensation. The percentage
15 increase and the new compensation amounts shall be determined
16 jointly by the Chief Clerk of the Senate and the Chief Clerk
17 of the House of Representatives prior to the annual effective
18 date of the adjustment and shall be published in the
19 Pennsylvania Bulletin within 20 days immediately prior to
20 each cost-of-living increase taking effect.

21 (2) The additional compensation of the officers and
22 leaders of the General Assembly may not be increased by an
23 annual cost-of-living adjustment under paragraph (1) for the
24 period beginning January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023.
25 Notice of the provisions of this subsection shall be
26 transmitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau for
27 publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin prior to January 1,
28 2021.

29 (3) The additional compensation of the officers and
30 leaders of the General Assembly may not be increased by an

1 annual cost-of-living adjustment under paragraph (1) if at
2 any point in the previous year the unemployment rate in this
3 Commonwealth, as determined by the United States Department
4 of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, was greater than ten
5 percent.

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.