

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1618 Session of
2008

INTRODUCED BY A. WILLIAMS, NOVEMBER 24, 2008

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, NOVEMBER 24, 2008

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

18 Section 4. Members of the General Assembly.

19 (e) Suspension of annual cost-of-living adjustment during
 20 recession.--Notwithstanding any other provision of this act or
 21 law to the contrary, the annual cost-of-living adjustment for
 22 members, officers and leaders of the General Assembly as
 23 provided under subsections (d) and (d.1) is suspended as of the

1 effective date of this subsection and may not be paid until the
2 Chief Clerk of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of
3 Representatives jointly determine that there has been at least
4 one calendar quarter of positive growth in the gross domestic
5 product of the United States. The Chief Clerk of the Senate and
6 the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives shall jointly
7 publish a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin when such event
8 occurs.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.