
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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2019

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 11, 2019

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

18 Section 4. Members of the General Assembly.

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20 (a.1) Updated members salary and expenses.--Beginning
21 December 1, 2020, the salary of members of the General Assembly
22 shall be \$25,000 per annum and no health care benefits,

1 retirement benefits, insurance benefits or other employee
2 benefits or compensation, including compensation provided under
3 subsections (a) and (b), shall be allowed, except that actual
4 expenses may be reimbursable to an individual member upon the
5 receipt of documentation of the expense and each member of the
6 General Assembly shall receive an allocation for clerical
7 assistance and other expenses incurred during the member's term
8 in connection with the duties of the member's office. The salary
9 shall be payable in equal monthly installments the first day of
10 the month, including the installment due December 1 of each
11 even-numbered year.

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13 (d.1) Subsequent annual cost-of-living adjustment for
14 officers and leaders.--For the 12-month period beginning
15 December 1, 1997, through November 30, 1998, and for each like
16 12-month period [thereafter] through November 30, 2020, the
17 additional compensation of the officers and leaders of the
18 General Assembly shall be increased by an annual cost-of-living
19 adjustment calculated by applying the percentage change in the
20 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the
21 Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area, for the
22 most recent 12-month period for which figures have been
23 officially reported by the United States Department of Labor,
24 Bureau of Labor Statistics immediately prior to the date the
25 adjustment is due to take effect, to the then current
26 compensation. The percentage increase and the new compensation
27 amounts shall be determined jointly by the Chief Clerk of the
28 Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives prior
29 to the annual effective date of the adjustment and shall be
30 published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin within 20 days

1 immediately prior to each cost-of-living increase taking effect.

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