
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY LAWRENCE, MURT, RABB AND READSHAW,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 25, 2019

AN ACT

1 Establishing the Citizens Compensation Commission and providing
2 for its powers and duties; and repealing provisions of the
3 Public Official Compensation Law.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Citizens
8 Compensation Commission Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Commission." The Citizens Compensation Commission
14 established under this act.

15 Section 3. Commission established.

16 The Citizens Compensation Commission is established. The
17 commission shall annually determine the salary paid to members
18 of the General Assembly and the amount of additional

1 compensation to be paid to officers and leaders of the Senate
2 and House of Representatives.

3 Section 4. Membership.

4 (a) Appointment.--The commission shall consist of members
5 who must be residents of this Commonwealth and who shall be
6 appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The
7 Governor shall appoint, subject to Senate confirmation:

8 (1) Two members who are representatives of labor
9 organizations.

10 (2) Two members who own or operate a small business.

11 (3) Two members who are taxpayers of this Commonwealth.

12 (4) One member who is an executive-level employee of a
13 large for-profit business entity.

14 (5) One member who is the director or an officer of a
15 nonprofit organization.

16 (6) One member who is a professional in the field of
17 employee compensation.

18 (b) Ineligibility.--The appointees shall be persons not
19 holding any public office nor employed full time with
20 compensation by the Commonwealth while serving on the
21 commission.

22 (c) Term.--The term of a member is three years, commencing
23 July 1, 2020, and until the member's successor is appointed. Of
24 the members first appointed to the commission, the Governor
25 shall designate three members to serve for three years, three
26 members to serve for two years and three members to serve for
27 one year.

28 (d) Compensation and expenses.--Members of the commission
29 shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for
30 mileage and actual expenses incurred in carrying out their

1 responsibilities under this act.

2 (e) Chairperson.--The members of the commission shall elect
3 a member as chairperson of the commission.

4 (f) Action.--The concurrence of at least five members is
5 required for any formal commission action.

6 Section 5. Duties.

7 The chairperson shall call at least one meeting per calendar
8 year, no later than June 1, at which the commission shall
9 establish the salary of members of the General Assembly and the
10 amount of additional compensation to be paid to officers and
11 leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives for the
12 period beginning December 1 of the same calendar year and ending
13 November 30 of the subsequent calendar year. The commission may
14 not establish a salary amount that is less than the salary
15 amount established for the immediately preceding period
16 beginning December 1 and ending November 30.

17 Section 6. Repeals.

18 Repeals are as follows:

19 (1) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
20 paragraph (2) is necessary to effectuate this act.

21 (2) Section 4 of the act of September 30, 1983 (P.L.160,
22 No.39), known as the Public Official Compensation Law, is
23 repealed.

24 Section 7. Effective date.

25 This act shall take effect immediately.