

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 5, 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 judicial salaries, for
 12 compensation of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, State
 13 Treasurer, Auditor General, Attorney General, Commissioners
 14 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and heads of
 15 departments and for members of the General Assembly.

16 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 17 hereby enacts as follows:

18 Section 1. Sections 2.1(i), 3(e) and 4(d) and (d.1) of the
 19 act of September 30, 1983 (P.L.160, No.39), known as the Public
 20 Official Compensation Law, are amended to read:

21 Section 2.1. Judicial salaries.

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23 (i) Annual cost-of-living adjustment.--[Beginning]

1 (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2), beginning
2 January 1, 1997, and each January 1 thereafter, the annual
3 salaries under subsections (a) through (h) shall be increased
4 by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All
5 Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey,
6 Delaware and Maryland area for the most recent 12-month
7 period for which figures have been officially reported by the
8 United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics
9 immediately prior to the date the adjustment is due to take
10 effect. The percentage increase and salary amounts shall be
11 determined prior to the annual effective date of the
12 adjustment by the Supreme Court and shall be published in the
13 Pennsylvania Bulletin by the Court Administrator of
14 Pennsylvania within 20 days of the date the determination is
15 made.

16 (2) The annual salaries under this section may not be
17 increased by an annual cost-of-living adjustment under
18 paragraph (1) for the annual period beginning January 1,
19 2021. Notice of the provisions of this subsection shall be
20 published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin prior to December 1,
21 2020.

22 Section 3. Compensation of Governor and Lieutenant Governor;
23 State Treasurer; Auditor General; Attorney General;
24 Commissioners of the Pennsylvania Public Utility
25 Commission; and heads of departments.

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27 (e) Annual cost-of-living adjustment.--[Beginning]

28 (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2), beginning
29 January 1, 1997, and each January 1 thereafter, the stated
30 annual salaries of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the

1 State Treasurer, the Auditor General, the Attorney General
2 and the heads of the departments and members of boards and
3 commissions denoted herein shall be increased by an annual
4 cost-of-living increase calculated by applying the percentage
5 change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers
6 (CPI-U) for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and
7 Maryland area, for the most recent 12-month period for which
8 figures have been officially reported by the United States
9 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics immediately
10 prior to the date the adjustment is due to take effect, to
11 the then current salary amounts authorized. The percentage
12 increase and the salary amounts shall be determined by the
13 Governor prior to the annual effective date of the adjustment
14 and shall be published by the Secretary of the Budget in the
15 Pennsylvania Bulletin within ten days of the date the
16 determination is made.

17 (2) The stated annual salaries of the Governor and
18 Lieutenant Governor, the State Treasurer, the Auditor
19 General, the Attorney General and the heads of the
20 departments and members of boards and commissions may not be
21 increased by an annual cost-of-living adjustment under
22 paragraph (1) for the annual period beginning January 1,
23 2021. Notice of the provisions of this subsection shall be
24 published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin prior to December 1,
25 2020.

26 Section 4. Members of the General Assembly.

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28 (d) Subsequent annual cost-of-living adjustment for
29 members.--[For]

30 (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2), for the 12-

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

18 (2) The salary of the members of the General Assembly
19 may not be increased by an annual cost-of-living adjustment
20 under paragraph (1) for the period beginning December 1,
21 2020, through November 30, 2021. Notice of the provisions of
22 this subsection shall be published in the Pennsylvania
23 Bulletin prior to December 1, 2020.

24 (d.1) Subsequent annual cost-of-living adjustment for
25 officers and leaders.--[For]

26 (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2), for the 12-
27 month period beginning December 1, 1997, through November 30,
28 1998, and for each like 12-month period thereafter, the
29 additional compensation of the officers and leaders of the
30 General Assembly shall be increased by an annual cost-of-

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

15 (2) The additional compensation of the officers and
16 leaders of the General Assembly may not be increased by an
17 annual cost-of-living adjustment under paragraph (1) for the
18 period beginning December 1, 2020, through November 30, 2021.
19 Notice of the provisions of this subsection shall be
20 published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin prior to December 1,
21 2020.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.