
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 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) 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.--

21 (1) For the 12-month period beginning December 1, 1997,
22 through November 30, 1998, and for each like 12-month period

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

16 (2) A member of the General Assembly may elect to reject
17 receipt of the annual cost-of-living adjustment under this
18 subsection if the member notifies in writing the Chief Clerk
19 of the Senate or the Chief Clerk of the House of
20 Representatives, as applicable, no later than ten days prior
21 to the annual effective date of the adjustment. An election
22 by a member of the General Assembly to reject receipt of the
23 adjustment shall be irrevocable during the member's term of
24 office.

25 (d.1) Subsequent annual cost-of-living adjustment for
26 officers and leaders.--

27 (1) For the 12-month period beginning December 1, 1997,
28 through November 30, 1998, and for each like 12-month period
29 thereafter, the additional compensation of the officers and
30 leaders of the General Assembly shall be increased by an

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

15 (2) An officer or leader of the General Assembly may
16 elect to reject receipt of the annual cost-of-living
17 adjustment under this subsection if the officer or leader
18 notifies in writing the Chief Clerk of the Senate or the
19 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, as applicable,
20 no later than ten days prior to the annual effective date of
21 the adjustment. An election by an officer or leader of the
22 General Assembly to reject receipt of the adjustment shall be
23 irrevocable during the officer's or leader's term of office
24 as a member of the General Assembly.

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