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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, for members of the general assembly and for
16 cost-of-living adjustment hiatus.

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

19 Section 1. Sections 2.1(i), 3(e), 4(d) and (d.1) and 5.3(a)
20 of the act of September 30, 1983 (P.L.160, No.39), known as the
21 Public Official Compensation Law, amended or added October 16,
22 2020, (P.L.706, No.79), is amended to read:

23 Section 2.1. Judicial salaries.

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1 (i) Annual cost-of-living adjustment.--

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

17 (2) (i) The annual salaries under this section may not
18 be increased by an annual cost-of-living adjustment under
19 paragraph (1) for the annual period beginning January 1,
20 2021, and ending December 31, 2021. Notice of the
21 provisions of this subsection shall be transmitted to the
22 Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the
23 Pennsylvania Bulletin prior to December 1, 2020.

24 (ii) The annual salaries under this section may not
25 be increased by an annual cost-of-living adjustment under
26 paragraph (1) for the annual period beginning January 1,
27 2022, and ending December 31, 2022. Notice of the
28 provisions of this subsection shall be transmitted to the
29 Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the
30 Pennsylvania Bulletin prior to December 1, 2021.

1 (3) (i) The annual salaries for individuals subject to
2 42 Pa.C.S. § 1741(a)(1) or (2) (relating to compensation
3 of judges) may not be increased by a cost-of-living
4 adjustment under 42 Pa.C.S. § 1741(b) for the annual
5 period beginning January 1, 2021, and ending December 31,
6 2021. Notice of the provisions of this subsection shall
7 be transmitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau for
8 publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin prior to
9 December 1, 2020.

10 (ii) The annual salaries for individuals subject to
11 42 Pa.C.S. § 1741(a)(1) or (2) may not be increased by a
12 cost-of-living adjustment under 42 Pa.C.S. § 1741(b) for
13 the annual period beginning January 1, 2022, and ending
14 December 31, 2022. Notice of the provisions of this
15 subsection shall be transmitted to the Legislative
16 Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania
17 Bulletin prior to December 1, 2021.

18 Section 3. Compensation of Governor and Lieutenant Governor;
19 State Treasurer; Auditor General; Attorney General;
20 Commissioners of the Pennsylvania Public Utility
21 Commission; and heads of departments.

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23 (e) Annual cost-of-living adjustment.--

24 (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2), beginning
25 January 1, 1997, and each January 1 thereafter, the stated
26 annual salaries of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the
27 State Treasurer, the Auditor General, the Attorney General
28 and the heads of the departments and members of boards and
29 commissions denoted herein shall be increased by an annual
30 cost-of-living increase calculated by applying the percentage

1 change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers
2 (CPI-U) for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and
3 Maryland area, for the most recent 12-month period for which
4 figures have been officially reported by the United States
5 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics immediately
6 prior to the date the adjustment is due to take effect, to
7 the then current salary amounts authorized. The percentage
8 increase and the salary amounts shall be determined by the
9 Governor prior to the annual effective date of the adjustment
10 and shall be published by the Secretary of the Budget in the
11 Pennsylvania Bulletin within ten days of the date the
12 determination is made.

13 (2) (i) The stated annual salaries of the Governor and
14 Lieutenant Governor, the State Treasurer, the Auditor
15 General, the Attorney General and the heads of the
16 departments and members of boards and commissions may not
17 be increased by an annual cost-of-living adjustment under
18 paragraph (1) for the annual period beginning January 1,
19 2021, and ending December 31, 2021. Notice of the
20 provisions of this subsection shall be transmitted to the
21 Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the
22 Pennsylvania Bulletin prior to December 1, 2020.

23 (ii) The stated annual salaries of the Governor and
24 Lieutenant Governor, the State Treasurer, the Auditor
25 General, the Attorney General and the heads of the
26 departments and members of boards and commissions may not
27 be increased by an annual cost-of-living adjustment under
28 paragraph (1) for the annual period beginning January 1,
29 2022, and ending December 31, 2022. Notice of the
30 provisions of this subsection shall be transmitted to the

1 Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the
2 Pennsylvania Bulletin prior to December 1, 2021.

3 Section 4. Members of the General Assembly.

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5 (d) Subsequent annual cost-of-living adjustment for
6 members.--

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

25 (2) (i) The salary of the members of the General
26 Assembly may not be increased by an annual cost-of-living
27 adjustment under paragraph (1) for the period beginning
28 December 1, 2020, through November 30, 2021. Notice of
29 the provisions of this subsection shall be transmitted to
30 the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the

1 Pennsylvania Bulletin prior to December 1, 2020.

2 (ii) The salary of the members of the General
3 Assembly may not be increased by an annual cost-of-living
4 adjustment under paragraph (1) for the period beginning
5 December 1, 2021, through November 30, 2022. Notice of
6 the provisions of this subsection shall be transmitted to
7 the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the
8 Pennsylvania Bulletin prior to December 1, 2021.

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

11 (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2), for the 12-
12 month period beginning December 1, 1997, through November 30,
13 1998, and for each like 12-month period thereafter, the
14 additional compensation of the officers and leaders of the
15 General Assembly shall be increased by an annual cost-of-
16 living adjustment calculated by applying the percentage
17 change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers
18 (CPI-U) for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and
19 Maryland area, for the most recent 12-month period for which
20 figures have been officially reported by the United States
21 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics immediately
22 prior to the date the adjustment is due to take effect, to
23 the then current compensation. The percentage increase and
24 the new compensation amounts shall be determined jointly by
25 the Chief Clerk of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the
26 House of Representatives prior to the annual effective date
27 of the adjustment and shall be published in the Pennsylvania
28 Bulletin within 20 days immediately prior to each cost-of-
29 living increase taking effect.

30 (2) (i) The additional compensation of the officers and

1 leaders of the General Assembly may not be increased by
2 an annual cost-of-living adjustment under paragraph (1)
3 for the period beginning December 1, 2020, through
4 November 30, 2021. Notice of the provisions of this
5 subsection shall be transmitted to the Legislative
6 Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania
7 Bulletin prior to December 1, 2020.

8 (ii) The additional compensation of the officers and
9 leaders of the General Assembly may not be increased by
10 an annual cost-of-living adjustment under paragraph (1)
11 for the period beginning December 1, 2021, through
12 November 30, 2022. Notice of the provisions of this
13 subsection shall be transmitted to the Legislative
14 Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania
15 Bulletin prior to December 1, 2021.

16 Section 5.3. Cost-of-living adjustment hiatus.

17 (a) General rule.--

18 (1) The salary of salaried officers of the Commonwealth,
19 except for an individual subject to sections 2.1(i)(2) and
20 (3), 3(e)(2), 4(d)(2) and (d.1)(2), may not be increased by a
21 cost-of-living adjustment for the period beginning January 1,
22 2021, and ending December 31, 2021.

23 (2) The salary of salaried officers of the Commonwealth,
24 except for an individual subject to sections 2.1(i)(2) and
25 (3), 3(e)(2), 4(d)(2) and (d.1)(2), may not be increased by a
26 cost-of-living adjustment for the period beginning January 1,
27 2022, and ending December 31, 2022.

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29 Section 2. The following shall apply:

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

1 provisions of this act are not severable.

2 (2) The amendment of section 2.1(i) of the act and
3 section 3 of this act shall be severable from the remainder
4 of this act.

5 Section 3. Repeals are as follows:

6 (1) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
7 paragraph (2) is necessary to effectuate the amendment of
8 section 2.1(i) of the act.

9 (2) 42 Pa.C.S. § 1741(b) is repealed insofar as it is
10 inconsistent with the amendment of section 2.1(i) of the act.

11 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.