

HOUSE BILL No. 1342

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-3.

Synopsis: Salary of members of the general assembly. Computes the annual base salary of legislators by comparing the most recent median household income data for Indiana with what the most recent median household income would have been if the previous year's median household income had been adjusted for inflation using the consumer price index.

Effective: July 1, 2022.

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January 11, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.



Second Regular Session of the 122nd General Assembly (2022)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning the general assembly.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 2-3-1 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022].
- 2 (Compensation of Legislators).
- 3 SECTION 2. IC 2-3-1.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
- 4 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 5 1, 2022]:
- 6 **Chapter 1.1. Compensation of Legislators**
- 7 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "annual salary" means the**
- 8 **amount determined under section 6 of this chapter.**
- 9 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "data year" refers to the year**
- 10 **that the most recent income data is available.**
- 11 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "income data" refers to the**
- 12 **median household income for Indiana as reported by the American**
- 13 **Community Survey of the United States Census Bureau.**
- 14 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "index" refers to the Consumer**
- 15 **Price Index for the Midwest Region, IL-IN-WI, percent change to**
- 16 **December of the data year from December of the previous year,**
- 17 **published by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.**



1 **Sec. 5.** As used in this chapter, "previous year" refers to the
2 calendar year immediately preceding the data year.

3 **Sec. 6. (a)** The annual salary for 2022 is twenty-eight thousand
4 one hundred two dollars and fifty cents (\$28,102.50).

5 **(b)** The annual salary for each year after 2022 is determined in
6 **STEP EIGHT** of the following formula:

7 **STEP ONE:** Determine the income data for the data year.

8 **STEP TWO:** Determine the income data for the previous
9 year.

10 **STEP THREE:** Subtract the amount determined in **STEP**
11 **TWO** from the amount determined in **STEP ONE**.

12 **STEP FOUR:** Divide the amount determined in **STEP**
13 **THREE** by the amount determined in **STEP TWO**. Express
14 the result as a decimal rounded to the nearest thousandth.

15 **STEP FIVE:** Determine the index number for the previous
16 year. Express the index number as a decimal and not as a
17 percentage, rounded to the nearest thousandth.

18 **STEP SIX:** Subtract the amount determined in **STEP FIVE**
19 from the amount determined in **STEP FOUR**, expressed as a
20 positive or negative decimal, rounded to the nearest
21 thousandth.

22 **STEP SEVEN:** Add one (1) to the number determined in
23 **STEP SIX**.

24 **STEP EIGHT:** Multiply the number determined in **STEP**
25 **SEVEN** by the current base salary, and round the result to the
26 nearest whole dollar.

27 **(d)** Beginning for 2023, the budget agency shall determine the
28 base salary for each year not later than September 30 of the
29 previous year.

30 **(e)** One-half (1/2) the annual salary shall be paid on January 15,
31 and one-half (1/2) the annual salary shall be paid on February 15.

32 **Sec. 7. (a)** The general assembly hereby declares that the annual
33 salary provided for in section 6 of this chapter is solely for the
34 purpose of compensating the members of the general assembly for
35 legislative services rendered during the year for which the salary
36 is paid.

37 **(b)** The legislative services referred to in subsection (a) include,
38 but are not limited to, all of the following:

39 **(1)** Participating in sessions of the senate or the house of
40 representatives.

41 **(2)** Participating in meetings of standing committees of the
42 senate or the house of representatives, regardless of when the



meetings are held.

(3) Participating in meetings of legislative study committees or commissions, regardless of when the meetings are held.

(4) Attending conferences for state legislators conducted by the National Conference of State Legislatures, the Council of State Governments, or similar organizations.

(5) Working with constituents, state agencies, and others to help resolve problems of constituents.

(6) Working with legislative staff on research and bill drafting requests.

In performing these and other legislative services, a member of the general assembly is normally required to work more than six hundred (600) hours per year.

Sec. 8. (a) In order to reimburse the members of the general assembly for the expenses they incur in providing legislative services, each member is entitled to receive the per diem and other expense reimbursements as may be provided by law.

(b) The officers of the senate and the house of representatives are entitled to receive allowances in addition to the annual salary as may be provided to them by law.

