

HOUSE No. 2559

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Russell E. Holmes

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act further regulating the compensation of members of the General Court.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Holmes of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2559) of Russell E. Holmes relative to compensation of members of the General Court. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2685 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act further regulating the compensation of members of the General Court.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out sections 9B and 9C and
2 inserting in place thereof the following 2 sections:-

3 SECTION 9B. (a) The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of
4 representatives shall each receive for each regular annual session, in addition to the base
5 compensation calculated pursuant to Article CXVIII, additional regular compensation in the
6 amount of \$50,000.

7 (b) The chair of the senate committee on ways and means and the chair of the house
8 committee on ways and means shall each receive for each regular annual session, in addition to
9 the base compensation calculated pursuant to Article CXVIII, additional regular compensation in
10 the amount of \$35,000. The floor leaders of each of the major political parties in the senate and

11 house of representatives shall each receive for each regular annual session, in addition to the base
12 compensation calculated pursuant to Article CXVIII, additional regular compensation in the
13 amount of \$30,000. The president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker pro tempore of the
14 house of representatives shall each receive for each regular annual session, in addition to the base
15 compensation calculated pursuant to Article CXVIII, additional regular compensation in the
16 amount of \$25,000.

17 (c) Each member of the general court shall receive for each regular annual session, in
18 addition to the base compensation calculated pursuant to Article CXVIII, additional regular
19 compensation in the amount of \$15,000.

20 (d) The amount of additional regular compensation established pursuant to subsections
21 (a) to (c), inclusive, for each regular annual session, exclusive of the base compensation
22 calculated pursuant to Article CXVIII, shall be adjusted biennially to reflect the aggregate
23 quarterly change in salaries and wages in the commonwealth for the most recent 8 quarters as
24 determined by the Bureau of Economic Analysis in the United States Department of Commerce;
25 provided, however, that the amount of additional regular compensation for any regular annual
26 session, exclusive of the base compensation calculated pursuant to Article CXVIII, shall not be
27 less than that provided in said subsections (a) to (c), inclusive.

28 SECTION 9C. Each member of the general court shall annually receive an amount for
29 expenses to be paid as follows: (i) for members whose primary residence is located at a distance
30 that is equal to or less than 50 miles from the state house, \$12,500; and (ii) for members whose
31 primary residence is located at a distance that is greater than 50 miles from the state house,
32 \$17,500.