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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 29, 2016

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 executive
12 salaries and for legislative salaries.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. Sections 2.1(i), 3(e) and 4(d) and (d.1) of the
16 act of September 30, 1983 (P.L.160, No.39), known as the Public
17 Official Compensation Law, reenacted and amended November 16,
18 2005 (P.L.385, No.72), are amended to read:

19 Section 2.1. Judicial salaries.

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21 [(i) Annual cost-of-living adjustment.--Beginning January 1,
22 1997, and each January 1 thereafter, the annual salaries under
23 subsections (a) through (h) shall be increased by the percentage

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

12 Section 3. Compensation of Governor and Lieutenant Governor;
13 State Treasurer; Auditor General; Attorney General;
14 Commissioners of the Pennsylvania Public Utility
15 Commission; and heads of departments.

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17 [(e) Annual cost-of-living adjustment.--Beginning January 1,
18 1997, and each January 1 thereafter, the stated annual salaries
19 of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, the State Treasurer,
20 the Auditor General, the Attorney General and the heads of the
21 departments and members of boards and commissions denoted herein
22 shall be increased by an annual cost-of-living increase
23 calculated by applying the percentage change in the Consumer
24 Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the
25 Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area, for the
26 most recent 12-month period for which figures have been
27 officially reported by the United States Department of Labor,
28 Bureau of Labor Statistics immediately prior to the date the
29 adjustment is due to take effect, to the then current salary
30 amounts authorized. The percentage increase and the salary

1 amounts shall be determined by the Governor prior to the annual
2 effective date of the adjustment and shall be published by the
3 Secretary of the Budget in the Pennsylvania Bulletin within ten
4 days of the date the determination is made.]

5 Section 4. Members of the General Assembly.

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

25 (d.1) Subsequent annual cost-of-living adjustment for
26 officers and leaders.--For the 12-month period beginning
27 December 1, 1997, through November 30, 1998, and for each like
28 12-month period thereafter, the additional compensation of the
29 officers and leaders of the General Assembly shall be increased
30 by an annual cost-of-living adjustment calculated by applying

1 the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
2 Consumers (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 the
7 then current compensation. The percentage increase and the new
8 compensation amounts shall be determined jointly by the Chief
9 Clerk of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of
10 Representatives prior to the annual effective date of the
11 adjustment and shall be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin
12 within 20 days immediately prior to each cost-of-living increase
13 taking effect.]

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.