## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

No. 293

Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY SCHEMEL, BOROWICZ, GLEIM, HAMM, KEEFER, LAWRENCE, ROWE AND STAMBAUGH, MARCH 10, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 10, 2023

## AN ACT

Amending the act of September 30, 1983 (P.L.160, No.39), entitled "An act establishing salaries and compensation of 2 certain public officials including justices and judges of 3 Statewide courts, judges of courts of common pleas, judges of the Philadelphia Municipal Court, judges of the Philadelphia Traffic Court, district justices and the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the State Treasurer, the Auditor General, the Attorney General and certain other State 6 7 8 officers and the salary and certain expenses of the members 9 of the General Assembly; and repealing certain inconsistent acts," further providing for members of the General Assembly. 11 12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 13 hereby enacts as follows: Section 1. Section 4(d.1)(1) of the act of September 30, 14 15 1983 (P.L.160, No.39), known as the Public Official Compensation 16 Law, is amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read: 17 Section 4. Members of the General Assembly. 18 \* \* \* 19 20 (a.1) Updated members salary and expenses. -- Beginning 21 December 1, 2023, the salary of members of the General Assembly shall be \$25,000 per annum, and no health care benefits, 22

- 1 <u>retirement benefits, insurance benefits or other employee</u>
- 2 benefits or compensation, including compensation provided under
- 3 <u>subsections (a) and (b), shall be allowed, except that actual</u>
- 4 <u>expenses may be reimbursable to an individual member upon the</u>
- 5 receipt of documentation of the expense and each member of the
- 6 General Assembly shall receive an allocation for clerical
- 7 <u>assistance and other expenses incurred during the member's term</u>
- 8 <u>in connection with the duties of the member's office. The salary</u>
- 9 <u>shall be payable in equal monthly installments the first day of</u>
- 10 the month, including the installment due December 1 of each
- 11 <u>even-numbered year.</u>
- 12 \* \* \*
- 13 (d.1) Subsequent annual cost-of-living adjustment for
- 14 officers and leaders.--
- 15 (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2), for the 12-
- month period beginning December 1, 1997, through November 30,
- 17 1998, and for each like 12-month period [thereafter] through
- 18 November 30, 2023, the additional compensation of the
- officers and leaders of the General Assembly shall be
- increased by an annual cost-of-living adjustment calculated
- 21 by applying the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index
- for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Pennsylvania, New
- Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area, for the most recent 12-
- 24 month period for which figures have been officially reported
- by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor
- 26 Statistics immediately prior to the date the adjustment is
- 27 due to take effect, to the then current compensation. The
- 28 percentage increase and the new compensation amounts shall be
- determined jointly by the Chief Clerk of the Senate and the
- 30 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives prior to the

- 1 annual effective date of the adjustment and shall be
- 2 published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin within 20 days
- 3 immediately prior to each cost-of-living increase taking
- 4 effect.
- 5 \* \* \*
- 6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.