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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 10, 2021

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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 members of the General Assembly.

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

14 Section 1. Section 4(d) and (d.1) of the act of September  
15 30, 1983 (P.L.160, No.39), known as the Public Official  
16 Compensation Law, amended October 16, 2020 (P.L.706, No.79), are  
17 amended to read:

18 Section 4. Members of the General Assembly.

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20 (d) Subsequent annual cost-of-living adjustment for  
21 members.--

22 (1) Except as provided under paragraph (2), for the 12-

1 month period beginning December 1, 1997, through November 30,  
2 [1998, and for each like 12-month period thereafter] 2021,  
3 the salary of the members of the General Assembly shall be  
4 increased by an annual cost-of-living adjustment calculated  
5 by applying the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index  
6 for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Pennsylvania, New  
7 Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area, for the most recent 12-  
8 month period for which figures have been officially reported  
9 by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor  
10 Statistics immediately prior to the date the adjustment is  
11 due to take effect, to the then current salary amounts. The  
12 percentage increase and the new salary amounts shall be  
13 determined jointly by the Chief Clerk of the Senate and the  
14 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives prior to the  
15 annual effective date of the adjustment and shall be  
16 published by them in the Pennsylvania Bulletin within ten  
17 days of the date such determination is made.

18 (2) The salary of the members of the General Assembly  
19 may not be increased by an annual cost-of-living adjustment  
20 under paragraph (1) for the period beginning December 1,  
21 2020, through November 30, 2021. Notice of the provisions of  
22 this subsection shall be transmitted to the Legislative  
23 Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin  
24 prior to December 1, 2020.

25 (3) Subject to subsection (c), for the 12-month period  
26 beginning December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2026, and  
27 for each like 12-month period thereafter, the salary of each  
28 legislator shall be increased by an annual cost-of-living  
29 adjustment calculated by applying the percentage change in  
30 the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for

1 the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area, for  
2 the most recent 12-month period for which figures have been  
3 officially reported by the United States Department of Labor,  
4 Bureau of Labor Statistics, immediately prior to the date the  
5 adjustment is due to take effect, to the then current salary  
6 amounts. The percentage increase and the new salary amounts  
7 shall be determined jointly by the Chief Clerk of the Senate  
8 and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives prior to  
9 the annual effective date of the adjustment and shall be  
10 transmitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau for  
11 publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin within 10 days of  
12 the date the determination is made.

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-  
16 month period beginning December 1, 1997, through November 30,  
17 [1998, and for each like 12-month period thereafter] 2021,  
18 the additional compensation of the officers and leaders of  
19 the General Assembly shall be increased by an annual cost-of-  
20 living adjustment calculated by applying the percentage  
21 change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers  
22 (CPI-U) for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and  
23 Maryland area, for the most recent 12-month period for which  
24 figures have been officially reported by the United States  
25 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics immediately  
26 prior to the date the adjustment is due to take effect, to  
27 the then current compensation. The percentage increase and  
28 the new compensation amounts shall be determined jointly by  
29 the Chief Clerk of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the  
30 House of Representatives prior to the annual effective date

1 of the adjustment and shall be published in the Pennsylvania  
2 Bulletin within 20 days immediately prior to each cost-of-  
3 living increase taking effect.

4 (2) The additional compensation of the officers and  
5 leaders of the General Assembly may not be increased by an  
6 annual cost-of-living adjustment under paragraph (1) for the  
7 period beginning December 1, 2020, through November 30, 2021.  
8 Notice of the provisions of this subsection shall be  
9 transmitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau for  
10 publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin prior to December 1,  
11 2020.

12 (3) Subject to subsection (c), for the 12-month period  
13 beginning December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2026, and  
14 for each like 12-month period thereafter, the additional  
15 compensation of each legislator who is an officer and leader  
16 of the General Assembly shall be increased by an annual cost-  
17 of-living adjustment calculated by applying the percentage  
18 change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers  
19 (CPI-U) for the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and  
20 Maryland area, for the most recent 12-month period for which  
21 figures have been officially reported by the United States  
22 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, immediately  
23 prior to the date the adjustment is due to take effect, to  
24 the then current compensation. The percentage increase and  
25 the new compensation amounts shall be determined jointly by  
26 the Chief Clerk of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the  
27 House of Representatives prior to the annual effective date  
28 of the adjustment and shall be transmitted to the Legislative  
29 Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin  
30 within 20 days immediately prior to each cost-of-living

1 increase taking effect.

2 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.