

1 H.614

2 Introduced by Representative McCullough of Williston

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Finance; salaries; General Assembly; Speaker of the House, President

6 Pro Tempore of the Senate, and committee chairs; 20 percent increase

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to provide a

8 20 percent increase in compensation for the Speaker of the House, President

9 Pro Tempore of the Senate, and standing committee chairs.

10 An act relating to increasing legislative compensation for the Speaker,  
11 President Pro Tempore, and committee chairs

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 1051 is amended to read:

14 § 1051. SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE AND PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

15 OF THE SENATE; COMPENSATION AND EXPENSE

16 REIMBURSEMENT

17 (a) The Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate

18 shall be entitled to receive annual compensation of ~~\$10,080.00~~ \$15,258.00 for

19 the ~~2005 Biennial~~ 2020 Adjourned Session and thereafter to be paid in

20 biweekly payments; provided that, beginning on January 1, ~~2007~~ 2021, the

1 annual compensation shall be adjusted annually thereafter by the cost of living  
2 adjustment negotiated for State employees under the most recent collective  
3 bargaining agreement. In addition to the annual compensation, the Speaker  
4 and President Pro Tempore shall be entitled to receive:

5 (1) ~~\$652.00~~ \$987.00 a week for the ~~2005~~ 2021 Biennial Session and  
6 thereafter, to be paid in biweekly payments during the regular and adjourned  
7 sessions of the General Assembly; provided that, beginning on January 1, ~~2007~~  
8 2022, the weekly compensation shall be adjusted annually thereafter by the  
9 cost of living adjustment negotiated for State employees under the most recent  
10 collective bargaining agreement;

11 (2) an amount equal to one-fifth of the annually adjusted weekly  
12 compensation set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection, rounded up to the  
13 nearest dollar, per day during a special session of the General Assembly; and

14 (3) mileage, meals, and lodging expenses as provided to members of the  
15 General Assembly under subsection 1052(b) of this title during the biennial,  
16 adjourned, and special sessions of the General Assembly and in addition such  
17 other actual and necessary expenses incurred while engaged in duties imposed  
18 by law.

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1       Sec. 2. PRORATION OF ANNUAL INCREASE

2           Notwithstanding the increase in the annual salary of the Speaker of the  
3       House and President Pro Tempore of the Senate set forth in Sec. 1 of this act in  
4       32 V.S.A. § 1051(a), that increase shall be prorated so that it applies beginning  
5       on July 1, 2020.

6       Sec. 3. 32 V.S.A. § 1052 is amended to read:

7       § 1052. MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; COMPENSATION  
8                   AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

9           (a)(1) Each member of the General Assembly, other than the Speaker of the  
10       House and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, is entitled to a weekly  
11       salary of ~~\$589.00~~ \$743.00 for the ~~2005~~ 2021 Biennial Session and thereafter;  
12       provided that, beginning on January 1, ~~2007~~ 2022, the weekly compensation  
13       shall be adjusted annually thereafter by the cost of living adjustment negotiated  
14       for State employees under the most recent collective bargaining agreement.  
15       The salary of members shall be paid in biweekly installments.

16           (2) During a special session, a member is entitled to an amount equal to  
17       one-fifth of the annually adjusted weekly compensation set forth in subdivision  
18       (1) of this subsection, rounded up to the nearest dollar, for each day of a  
19       special session on which the House of which he or she is a member shall sit.

1           (3) A member who is the chair of a standing committee shall be entitled  
2           to an amount that is 20 percent more than the amounts set forth in subdivisions  
3           (1) and (2) of this subsection.

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5           Sec. 4. APPLICATION OF ANY OTHER INCREASES

6           The amounts set forth in this act shall be further amended by any other  
7           increases enacted for legislators during the 2020 legislative session.

8           Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATES

9           (a) Sec. 1 shall take effect on January 1, 2021, except that in Sec. 1,  
10           32 V.S.A. § 1051(a) (Speaker and President Pro Tempore; annual salary) shall  
11           take effect on July 1, 2020.

12           (b) Sec. 3 shall take effect on January 1, 2021.

13           (c) This section and Secs. 2 and 4 shall take effect on passage.