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Public Act No. 22-85

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPENSATION OF LEGISLATORS
AND CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 2-8 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2023*):

(a) [Each] On and after January 4, 2023, each member of the General Assembly shall receive [twenty-eight] compensation of forty thousand dollars for each year of the term for which such member is elected, [to] except that such compensation shall be adjusted thereafter in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of this act. Such compensation, including any adjustment thereto, shall be paid as follows: In each year of the term, one-fifth within the first ten days of February and thereafter one-fifth within the first ten days of each succeeding month until total compensation for the year is paid. Any member may elect to receive one-twelfth of the total compensation to which such member is entitled under the provisions of this section in any year, payable in equal monthly installments during such year commencing in the month of January. If any such member resigns for reasons of health or dies before receiving the full compensation to which such member is entitled for such year, the balance of such compensation shall be immediately payable to such member or to such member's

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estate.

(b) Each member shall receive, in addition to the compensation payable under subsection (a) of this section and the transportation allowance payable under section 2-15, the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars if a member of the House of Representatives or the sum of five thousand five hundred dollars if a member of the Senate for each year of the term for which such member is elected as reimbursement for expenses, payable as follows: One-half within the first ten days of February and one-half within ten days after final adjournment of the regular session in each year of the term. If any member resigns for reasons of health or dies before receiving the full amount to which such member is entitled for the year of such member resignation or death, the balance of the amount shall be immediately payable to such member or to such member's estate.

(c) In lieu of the compensation payable under subsection (a) of this section, on and after January 4, 2023, until any adjustment under section 2 of this act, the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro tempore of the Senate shall each receive [thirty-eight] compensation of fifty-two thousand [six hundred eighty-nine] dollars for each year of the term for which said officer so serves, the majority and minority leaders of the House of Representatives and of the Senate shall each receive [thirty-six] compensation of fifty thousand [eight hundred thirty-five] dollars for each year of the term for which said officer so serves, the deputy speaker and the deputy majority and minority leaders of the House of Representatives and of the Senate shall each receive [thirty-four] compensation of forty-nine thousand [four hundred forty-six] dollars for each year of the term in which said officer so serves, each assistant majority and minority leader and majority and minority whip of the House and Senate and the chairpersons of each joint standing committee, except the Joint Committee on Legislative Management, shall each receive [thirty-two] compensation of forty-six

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thousand [two] five hundred [forty-one] dollars for each year of the term in which said chairperson so serves and the ranking members of each joint standing committee, except the Joint Committee on Legislative Management, shall each receive [thirty] compensation of forty-four thousand [four] five hundred [three] dollars for each year of the term in which said officer so serves to be paid as provided in subsection (a) of this section. Each of said officers shall receive [as reimbursement for expenses for each year of the term for which the officer is elected] the sum of five thousand five hundred dollars if the officer is a senator and the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars if the officer is a representative, as reimbursement for expenses for each year of the term for which the officer is elected, payable as provided in subsection (b) of this section. Each of said officers shall have the same option to elect payment of one-twelfth of the officer's compensation for each year of the term for which the officer is elected payable in equal monthly installments in such year as is provided for other members under the provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

(d) In lieu of the compensation [provided by subsections (a) and] payable under subsection (a) or (c) of this section and reimbursement for expenses under subsection (b) of this section, any member elected to fill any unexpired term shall receive the following: (1) For less than a full year of a term, a pro rata amount of the compensation payable under subsection (a) or (c) of this section, including any adjustment of such compensation under section 2 of this act, and, in addition to the transportation allowance payable under section 2-15, a pro rata amount of the sum payable under subsection (b) of this section, as reimbursement for expenses, both payable upon certification of such member's election; (2) for a full year of a term, the compensation payable under subsection (a) or (c) of this section, including any adjustment to such compensation under section 2 of this act, and reimbursement for expenses [provided in subsections (a) and] payable under subsection (b) of this section, both payable upon certification of such member's

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election.

(e) No person who is elected to serve in one house of the General Assembly and is thereafter elected to fill a vacancy in the other house for the unexpired portion of the same term shall receive total compensation or total reimbursement for expenses for such term in an amount greater than that to which such person was entitled on such person's election to the first house.

(f) Any member who resigns for reasons other than health or election to the other house prior to the expiration of any year of the term for which such member was elected, and who has received the total compensation and total reimbursement for expenses [provided] payable under subsections (a) and (b) of this section for that year, including any adjustment to such compensation under section 2 of this act, shall reimburse the state in an amount equal to that portion of such total compensation and total expense reimbursement attributable to the remainder of the year in which such member resigns.

Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) Not later than January 1, 2025, and not later than January first every two years thereafter, the executive director of the Office of Legislative Management, in consultation with the Labor Commissioner, shall determine the adjustment to be made under subsection (b) of this section to the compensation of members of the General Assembly set forth in subsections (a) and (c) of section 2-8 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, by the percentage change in the employment cost index, or its successor index, for wages and salaries for all civilian workers, as calculated by the United States Department of Labor, over the twenty-four-month period ending on June thirtieth of the preceding year, rounded to the nearest whole cent. Thereafter, any such adjustment shall be based on the compensation of members of the General Assembly set forth in subsections (a) and (c) of section 2-8 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, as adjusted by the immediately preceding adjustment under this section.

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(b) On January 8, 2025, the executive director shall adjust the compensation of members of the General Assembly in accordance with the determination made under subsection (a) of this section. Thereafter, any subsequent adjustment of such compensation in accordance with the determination made under subsection (a) of this section shall not take effect until the first Wednesday following the first Monday of January succeeding such determination.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to apply to any health, pension or other benefits of members of the General Assembly.

Sec. 3. Section 3-2 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2023*):

[The] (a) On and after January 4, 2023, the Governor shall receive an annual salary [of one hundred fifty thousand dollars and the Lieutenant Governor shall receive an annual salary of one hundred ten thousand dollars] equal to the annual salary of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court under subsection (a) of section 51-47, provided thereafter, no increase in the annual salary of the Governor shall take effect until the first Wednesday following the first Monday of the January succeeding the next election of the Governor following any increase in the annual salary of the Chief Justice under section 51-47. The Governor shall devote full time to the duties of the office.

(b) On and after January 4, 2023, the Lieutenant Governor shall receive an annual salary equal to the annual salary of a judge of the Superior Court under subsection (a) of section 51-47, provided thereafter, no increase in the annual salary of the Lieutenant Governor shall take effect until the first Wednesday following the first Monday of the January succeeding the next election of the Lieutenant Governor following any increase in the annual salary of a judge of the Superior Court under section 51-47.

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Sec. 4. Section 3-11 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2023*):

[The] (a) On and after January 4, 2023, the Treasurer shall receive an annual salary [of one hundred ten thousand dollars] equal to the annual salary of a judge of the Superior Court under subsection (a) of section 51-47, provided thereafter, no increase in the annual salary of the Treasurer shall take effect until the first Wednesday following the first Monday of the January succeeding the next election of the Treasurer following any increase in the annual salary of a judge of the Superior Court under section 51-47.

(b) Before entering upon the execution of the duties of the office, the Treasurer shall give a bond to the state, with sufficient surety, in the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, for the term for which the Treasurer has been elected, which bond shall be conditioned for the faithful performance of such duties other than in connection with the School Fund. The Treasurer shall devote full time to the duties of the office.

Sec. 5. Section 3-77 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2023*):

The Secretary shall keep all the public records and documents and record all acts, orders, grants and resolutions of the General Assembly, including all resolutions of appointment and resolutions directing orders to be drawn on the Treasurer, and give true copies thereof when required. The Secretary shall keep the records and files of the Superior Court previous to May, 1798, and the original books and papers of the late Connecticut Land Company; provided the Secretary may turn over any such records, documents or papers to the State Library in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4c. The Secretary may give certified copies of any entries in such records, files, books or other papers and of the files and records of said Superior Court and of the Supreme Court, remaining in the office, which copies shall be legal

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evidence. The Secretary shall be the keeper of the seal of the state, which shall not be altered, and shall affix the same to acts, laws, orders, commissions, instruments and certificates, when requested or required by law. In accordance with established procedures, the Secretary may enter into such contractual agreements as may be necessary for the discharge of the Secretary's duties. [The] On and after January 4, 2023, the Secretary shall receive an annual salary [of one hundred ten thousand dollars and] equal to the annual salary of a judge of the Superior Court under subsection (a) of section 51-47, provided thereafter, no increase in the annual salary of the Secretary shall take effect until the first Wednesday following the first Monday of the January succeeding the next election of the Secretary following any increase in the annual salary of a judge of the Superior Court under section 51-47. The Secretary shall devote full time to the duties of the office.

Sec. 6. Section 3-111 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2023*):

[The] On and after January 4, 2023, the Comptroller shall receive an annual salary [of one hundred ten thousand dollars and] equal to the salary of a judge of the Superior Court under subsection (a) of section 51-47, provided thereafter, no increase in the annual salary of the Comptroller shall take effect until the first Wednesday following the first Monday of the January succeeding the next election of the Comptroller following any increase in the annual salary of a judge of the Superior Court under section 51-47. The Comptroller shall devote full time to the duties of the office. The Comptroller shall give bond in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

Sec. 7. Section 3-124 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2023*):

There shall be an Attorney General to be elected in the same manner

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as other state officers in accordance with the provisions of section 9-181. The Attorney General shall be an elector of this state and an attorney at law of at least ten years' active practice at the bar of this state. The office of the Attorney General shall be at the Capitol. [The] On and after January 4, 2023, the Attorney General shall receive an annual salary [of one hundred ten thousand dollars] equal to the annual salary of a judge of the Superior Court under subsection (a) of section 51-47, provided thereafter, no increase in the annual salary of the Attorney General shall take effect until the first Wednesday following the first Monday of the January succeeding the next election of the Attorney General following any increase in the annual salary of a judge of the Superior Court under section 51-47. The Attorney General shall devote full time to the duties of the office and shall give bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars.

Sec. 8. Section 2-9a of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2022*)