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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 16, 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.1) of the act of September 30, 1983  
15 (P.L.160, No.39), known as the Public Official Compensation Law,  
16 amended October 16, 2020 (P.L.706, No.79), is amended and the  
17 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

18 Section 4. Members of the General Assembly.

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20 (a.1) Updated members salary and expenses.--Beginning  
21 December 1, 2021, the salary of members of the General Assembly  
22 shall be \$25,000 per annum and no health care benefits,

1 retirement benefits, insurance benefits or other employee  
2 benefits or compensation, including compensation provided under  
3 subsections (a) and (b), shall be allowed, except that actual  
4 expenses may be reimbursable to an individual member upon the  
5 receipt of documentation of the expense and each member of the  
6 General Assembly shall receive an allocation for clerical  
7 assistance and other expenses incurred during the member's term  
8 in connection with the duties of the member's office. The salary  
9 shall be payable in equal monthly installments the first day of  
10 the month, including the installment due December 1 of each  
11 even-numbered year.

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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] through  
18 November 30, 2021, the additional compensation of the  
19 officers and leaders of the General Assembly shall be  
20 increased by an annual cost-of-living adjustment calculated  
21 by applying the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index  
22 for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Pennsylvania, New  
23 Jersey, Delaware and Maryland area, for the most recent 12-  
24 month period for which figures have been officially reported  
25 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  
29 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 (2) The additional compensation of the officers and  
6 leaders of the General Assembly may not be increased by an  
7 annual cost-of-living adjustment under paragraph (1) for the  
8 period beginning December 1, 2020, through November 30, 2021.  
9 Notice of the provisions of this subsection shall be  
10 transmitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau for  
11 publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin prior to December 1,  
12 2020.

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