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**A B I L L**

To amend sections 101.27 and 141.011 of the Revised 1  
Code to reduce salaries of General Assembly 2  
members, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, and 3  
administrative department heads by five per cent. 4

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 101.27 and 141.011 of the Revised 5  
Code be amended to read as follows: 6

**Sec. 101.27.** (A)(1) Every member of the senate, except the 7  
members elected president, president pro tempore, assistant 8  
president pro tempore, majority whip, minority leader, assistant 9  
minority leader, minority whip, and assistant minority whip, shall 10  
receive as compensation a salary of fifty-one thousand six hundred 11  
seventy-four dollars a year during the senator's term of office. 12  
Every member of the house of representatives, except the members 13  
elected speaker, speaker pro tempore, majority floor leader, 14  
assistant majority floor leader, majority whip, assistant majority 15  
whip, minority leader, assistant minority leader, minority whip, 16  
and assistant minority whip, shall receive as compensation a 17  
salary of fifty-one thousand six hundred seventy-four dollars a 18  
year during the representative's term of office. Such salaries 19

shall be paid in equal monthly installments during such term. All 20  
monthly payments shall be made on or before the fifth day of each 21  
month. Upon the death of any member of the general assembly during 22  
the member's term of office, any unpaid salary due such member for 23  
the remainder of the member's term shall be paid to the member's 24  
surviving spouse, children, mother, or father, in the order in 25  
which the relationship is set forth in this section in monthly 26  
installments. 27

(2) Each member shall receive a travel reimbursement per mile 28  
each way, at the same mileage rate allowed for the reimbursement 29  
of travel expenses of state agents as provided by rule of the 30  
director of budget and management pursuant to division (B) of 31  
section 126.31 of the Revised Code, for mileage not more than once 32  
a week during the session for travel incurred by a member from and 33  
to the member's place of residence, by the most direct highway 34  
route of public travel to and from the seat of government, to be 35  
paid quarterly on the last day of March, June, September, and 36  
December of each year. 37

(3) The member of the senate elected president and the member 38  
of the house of representatives elected speaker shall each receive 39  
as compensation a salary of eighty thousand five hundred 40  
forty-nine dollars a year during the president's or speaker's term 41  
of office. 42

The member of the senate elected president pro tempore, the 43  
member of the senate elected minority leader, the member of the 44  
house of representatives elected speaker pro tempore, and the 45  
member of the house of representatives elected minority leader 46  
shall each receive as compensation a salary of seventy-three 47  
thousand four hundred ninety-three dollars a year during the 48  
member's term of office. The member of the house of 49  
representatives elected majority floor leader and the member of 50

the senate elected assistant president pro tempore shall each 51  
receive as compensation a salary of sixty-nine thousand two 52  
hundred twenty-seven dollars a year during the member's term of 53  
office. The member of the senate elected assistant minority leader 54  
and the member of the house of representatives elected assistant 55  
minority leader shall each receive as compensation a salary of 56  
sixty-seven thousand ninety-nine dollars a year during the 57  
member's term of office. The member of the senate elected majority 58  
whip and the member of the house of representatives elected 59  
assistant majority floor leader shall each receive a salary of 60  
sixty-four thousand nine hundred sixty-seven dollars a year during 61  
the member's term of office. The member of the senate elected 62  
minority whip, the member of the house of representatives elected 63  
majority whip, and the member of the house of representatives 64  
elected minority whip shall each receive as compensation a salary 65  
of sixty thousand seven hundred six dollars a year during the 66  
member's term of office. The member of the house of 67  
representatives elected assistant majority whip shall receive as 68  
compensation a salary of fifty-six thousand four hundred 69  
forty-three dollars a year during the member's term of office. The 70  
member of the house of representatives elected assistant minority 71  
whip and the member of the senate elected assistant minority whip 72  
shall each receive a salary of fifty-four thousand sixty dollars a 73  
year during the member's term of office. 74

(4) The chairperson of the finance committee of each house 75  
shall receive an additional sum of ten thousand dollars annually. 76  
The chairperson of each standing committee of each house other 77  
than the finance committee shall receive an additional sum of six 78  
thousand five hundred dollars annually. The chairperson of each 79  
standing subcommittee of a finance committee shall receive an 80  
additional sum of six thousand five hundred dollars annually. The 81  
vice-chairperson of the finance committee of each house shall 82  
receive an additional sum of five thousand five hundred dollars 83

annually. The ranking minority member of the finance committee of 84  
each house shall receive an additional sum of six thousand five 85  
hundred dollars annually. The ranking minority member of each 86  
standing subcommittee of a finance committee shall receive an 87  
additional sum of five thousand dollars annually. The chairperson 88  
of each standing subcommittee of each house other than a standing 89  
subcommittee of the finance committee shall receive an additional 90  
sum of five thousand dollars annually. The vice-chairperson and 91  
ranking minority member of each standing committee of each house 92  
other than the finance committee shall each receive an additional 93  
sum of five thousand dollars annually. Except for the ranking 94  
minority member of each standing subcommittee of a finance 95  
committee, the ranking minority member of each standing 96  
subcommittee of each house shall receive an additional sum of two 97  
thousand five hundred dollars annually. 98

No member may receive more than one additional sum for 99  
serving as chairperson, vice-chairperson, or ranking minority 100  
member of a standing committee or standing subcommittee, 101  
regardless of the number of standing committees or standing 102  
subcommittees on which the member serves as chairperson, 103  
vice-chairperson, or ranking minority member. 104

(5) If a member is absent without leave, or is not excused on 105  
the member's return, there shall be deducted from the member's 106  
compensation twenty dollars for each day's absence. 107

(B) Each calendar year from 2002 through 2008, the salary 108  
amounts under divisions (A)(1) and (3) of this section shall be 109  
increased by the lesser of the following: 110

(1) Three per cent; 111

(2) The percentage increase, if any, in the consumer price 112  
index over the twelve-month period that ends on the thirtieth day 113  
of September of the immediately preceding year, rounded to the 114

nearest one-tenth of one per cent. 115

(C) The salary amounts specified in divisions (A)(1) and (3) 116  
of this section as they have been increased under division (B) of 117  
this section and the additional sums specified in division (A)(4) 118  
of this section shall be reduced by five per cent. The changes to 119  
salary and additional sums made in this division apply only to 120  
members whose terms commence on or after January 1, 2011. 121

(D) As used in this section: 122

(1) "Consumer price index" means the consumer price index 123  
prepared by the United States bureau of labor statistics (U.S. 124  
city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers: all 125  
items, 1982-1984=100), or, if that index is no longer published, a 126  
generally available comparable index. 127

(2) "Finance committee" means the finance committee of the 128  
senate and the finance-appropriations committee of the house of 129  
representatives. 130

**Sec. 141.011.** Beginning in calendar year 2001, the annual 131  
salaries of the elective officers of the state shall be as follows 132  
rather than as prescribed by divisions (A) to (F) of section 133  
141.01 of the Revised Code: 134

(A)(1) In calendar year 2001 the annual salary of the 135  
governor shall be one hundred twenty-six thousand four hundred 136  
ninety-seven dollars. 137

(2) In calendar years 2002 through 2006 the annual salary of 138  
the governor shall be one hundred thirty thousand two hundred 139  
ninety-two dollars. 140

(3) In calendar year 2007 the annual salary of the governor 141  
shall be the annual salary in 2006 increased by each of the 142  
following percentages in succession: 143

(a) The lesser of three per cent or the percentage increase, 144

if any, in the consumer price index from October 1, 2001, to 145  
September 30, 2002, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one per 146  
cent; 147

(b) The lesser of three per cent or the percentage increase, 148  
if any, in the consumer price index from October 1, 2002, to 149  
September 30, 2003, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one per 150  
cent; 151

(c) The lesser of three per cent or the percentage increase, 152  
if any, in the consumer price index from October 1, 2003, to 153  
September 30, 2004, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one per 154  
cent; 155

(d) The lesser of three per cent or the percentage increase, 156  
if any, in the consumer price index from October 1, 2004, to 157  
September 30, 2005, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one per 158  
cent; 159

(e) The lesser of three per cent or the percentage increase, 160  
if any, in the consumer price index from October 1, 2005, to 161  
September 30, 2006, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one per 162  
cent. 163

(4) ~~In~~ Subject to division (A)(5) of this section, in 164  
calendar year 2008 and thereafter, the annual salary of the 165  
governor shall be the annual salary in 2007 increased by the 166  
lesser of the following: 167

(a) Three per cent; 168

(b) The percentage increase, if any, in the consumer price 169  
index from October 1, 2006, to September 30, 2007, rounded to the 170  
nearest one-tenth of one per cent. 171

(5) With respect to terms commencing on or after January 1, 172  
2011, the annual salary of the governor shall be the salary amount 173  
specified in division (A)(4) of this section reduced by five per 174

<u>cent.</u>	175
(B)(1) In calendar year 2001 the annual salary of the lieutenant governor shall be sixty-six thousand three hundred six dollars.	176 177 178
(2) In calendar years 2002 through 2006 the annual salary of the lieutenant governor shall be sixty-eight thousand two hundred ninety-five dollars.	179 180 181
(3) In calendar year 2007 the annual salary of the lieutenant governor shall be the annual salary in 2006 increased by each of the following percentages in succession:	182 183 184
(a) The lesser of three per cent or the percentage increase, if any, in the consumer price index from October 1, 2001, to September 30, 2002, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one per cent;	185 186 187 188
(b) The lesser of three per cent or the percentage increase, if any, in the consumer price index from October 1, 2002, to September 30, 2003, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one per cent;	189 190 191 192
(c) The lesser of three per cent or the percentage increase, if any, in the consumer price index from October 1, 2003, to September 30, 2004, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one per cent;	193 194 195 196
(d) The lesser of three per cent or the percentage increase, if any, in the consumer price index from October 1, 2004, to September 30, 2005, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one per cent;	197 198 199 200
(e) The lesser of three per cent or the percentage increase, if any, in the consumer price index from October 1, 2005, to September 30, 2006, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one per cent.	201 202 203 204

(4) ~~In~~ Subject to division (B)(5) of this section, in 205  
calendar year 2008 and thereafter, the annual salary of the 206  
lieutenant governor shall be the annual salary in 2007 increased 207  
by the lesser of the following: 208

(a) Three per cent; 209

(b) The percentage increase, if any, in the consumer price 210  
index from October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007, rounded to the 211  
nearest one-tenth of one per cent. 212

(5) With respect to terms commencing on or after January 1, 213  
2011, the annual salary of the lieutenant governor shall be the 214  
salary amount specified in division (B)(4) of this section reduced 215  
by five per cent. 216

(6) If the governor appoints the lieutenant governor as an 217  
administrative department head, the lieutenant governor may accept 218  
the salary for that office while serving as its head in lieu of 219  
the salary for the office of lieutenant governor. 220

(C)(1) In calendar year 2001 the annual salary of the 221  
secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, and 222  
attorney general shall be ninety-three thousand four hundred 223  
forty-seven dollars. 224

(2) In calendar year 2002 the annual salary of the secretary 225  
of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, and attorney 226  
general shall be ninety-six thousand two hundred fifty dollars. 227

(3) In each calendar year from 2003 through 2008, the annual 228  
salary of the secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of 229  
state, and attorney general shall be increased by the lesser of 230  
the following: 231

(a) Three per cent; 232

(b) The percentage increase, if any, in the consumer price 233  
index over the twelve-month period that ends on the thirtieth day 234



of September of the immediately preceding year, rounded to the 235  
nearest one-tenth of one per cent. 236

(D) Upon the death of an elected executive officer of the 237  
state listed in divisions (A) to (F) of section 141.01 of the 238  
Revised Code during that person's term of office, an amount shall 239  
be paid in accordance with section 2113.04 of the Revised Code, or 240  
to that person's estate. The amount shall equal the amount of the 241  
salary that the officer would have received during the remainder 242  
of the officer's unexpired term or an amount equal to the salary 243  
of that person's office for two years, whichever is less. 244

(E) As used in this section, "consumer price index" has the 245  
same meaning as in section 101.27 of the Revised Code. 246

**Section 2.** That existing sections 101.27 and 141.011 of the 247  
Revised Code are hereby repealed. 248

**Section 3.** In calendar year 2010, the annual salary of the 249  
administrative department heads listed in section 121.03 of the 250  
Revised Code, the Adjutant General, the Chancellor of the Ohio 251  
Board of Regents, and the Director of the State Lottery Commission 252  
shall be the annual salary those persons were receiving as of July 253  
1, 2009, reduced by five per cent. 254