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Senate Bill 298

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(BY REQUEST OF THE EXECUTIVE)

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to the Committee on the Judiciary; and then to the
Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §6-7-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to
 2 the ability of a constitutional officer to voluntarily waive his or her salary for any calendar
 3 year.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That §6-7-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted
 2 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 7. COMPENSATION AND ALLOWANCES.

§6-7-2. Salaries of certain state officers.

1 (a) Beginning in the calendar year 2005, and for each calendar year after that, salaries for
 2 each of the state constitutional officers are as follows:

- 3 (1) The salary of the Governor is \$95,000 per year;
- 4 (2) The salary of the Attorney General is \$80,000 per year;
- 5 (3) The salary of the Auditor is \$75,000 per year;
- 6 (4) The salary of the Secretary of State is \$70,000 per year;
- 7 (5) The salary of the Commissioner of Agriculture is \$75,000 per year; and
- 8 (6) The salary of the State Treasurer is \$75,000 per year.

9 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, beginning in the
 10 calendar year 2009, and for each calendar year thereafter, salaries for each of the state
 11 constitutional officers shall be as follows:

- 12 (1) The salary of the Governor shall be \$150,000 per year;
- 13 (2) The salary of the Attorney General shall be \$95,000 per year;
- 14 (3) The salary of the Auditor shall be \$95,000 per year;
- 15 (4) The salary of the Secretary of State shall be \$95,000 per year;
- 16 (5) The salary of the Commissioner of Agriculture shall be \$95,000 per year; and
- 17 (6) The salary of the State Treasurer shall be \$95,000 per year.

18 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b), a constitutional officer may

19 voluntarily waive the receipt of his or her salary for any calendar year.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to amend this section to allow a constitutional officer to waive his or her salary for any calendar year.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.