

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Senate Bill 653

BY SENATOR TRUMP

[Introduced March 18, 2017; Referred
to the Committee on the Judiciary; and then to the
Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §4-2A-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to the compensation of members of the Legislature; reducing the compensation of
 3 members of the Legislature to \$19,000 beginning in calendar year 2018; and setting forth
 4 schedule of pay.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

1 That §4-2A-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted
 2 to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 2A. COMPENSATION FOR AND EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF THE
 LEGISLATURE.**

§4-2A-2. Basic compensation for services; proration.

1 (a) Beginning in the calendar year ~~2009~~ 2018 and for each calendar year after that, each
 2 member of the Legislature shall receive as basic compensation for his or her services the sum of
 3 ~~\$20,000~~ \$19,000 per calendar year, to be paid as provided in subsection (b) of this section. In
 4 addition to the basic compensation, members shall receive the additional compensations as are
 5 expressly provided in sections three, four and five of this article. ~~All other increased amounts or~~
 6 ~~new amounts in respect to the compensation of members of the Legislature, set forth in the~~
 7 ~~resolution of the Citizens Legislative Compensation Commission, dated January 9, 2007, and~~
 8 ~~implemented in sections two, four, six and eight of this article providing for new amounts or~~
 9 ~~amounts increased to new amounts greater than those in force and effect on January 1, 2007,~~
 10 ~~become effective for calendar year 2009 and each calendar year after that: *Provided, That*~~
 11 ~~increased amounts or new amounts in respect to the expenses of members of the Legislature,~~
 12 ~~set forth in said resolution, and implemented in sections six and eight of this article providing for~~
 13 ~~new amounts or amounts increased to new amounts greater than those in force and effect on~~
 14 ~~January 1, 2007, become effective for calendar year 2008 and each calendar year after that~~

15 (b) The basic compensation is payable as follows:

- 16 (1) In the year ~~2009~~ 2021, and every fourth year after that:
- 17 (A) \$5,000 in each of February, March and April, payable twice a month; and
- 18 (B) ~~\$625~~ \$500 in each of January, May, June, July, August, September, October and
- 19 November, payable once a month.
- 20 (2) Beginning in ~~2010~~ 2018, in all years except those described in subdivision (1) of this
- 21 subsection:
- 22 (A) \$5,000 in each of January, February and March, payable twice a month; and
- 23 (B) ~~\$625~~ \$500 in each of April, May, June, July, August, September, October and
- 24 November, payable once a month;
- 25 (c) In the event of the death, resignation or removal of a member of the Legislature and
- 26 the appointment and qualification of his or her successor, the compensation provided in this
- 27 section for the month in which the death, resignation or removal of the member of the Legislature
- 28 occurs shall be prorated between the original member and his or her successor on the basis of
- 29 the number of days served, including Saturdays and Sundays in the month.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to reduce legislative pay from \$20,000 to \$19,000, and to make changes to the legislative compensation schedule.

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