

No. 8

AN ACT

HB 777

Amending the act of June 1, 1956 (P.L.1959), entitled, as amended, "An act fixing the salaries and compensation of the Chief Justice and judges of the Supreme Court, the President Judge and judges of the Superior Court, the judges of the courts of common pleas, the judges of the orphans' courts, the judges of the County Court of Philadelphia and the judges of the County Court and Juvenile Court of Allegheny County, certain associate judges not learned in the law, certain state officers, and the salary and expenses of the members of the General Assembly, and repealing certain inconsistent acts," changing certain allowances of members of the General Assembly, creating the Commonwealth Compensation Commission and making editorial changes.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 14, act of June 1, 1956 (P.L.1959), entitled, as amended, "An act fixing the salaries and compensation of the Chief Justice and judges of the Supreme Court, the President Judge and judges of the Superior Court, the judges of the courts of common pleas, the judges of the orphans' courts, the judges of the County Court of Philadelphia and the judges of the County Court and Juvenile Court of Allegheny County, certain associate judges not learned in the law, certain state officers, and the salary and expenses of the members of the General Assembly, and repealing certain inconsistent acts," amended July 9, 1965 (P.L.195) and July 9, 1965 (P.L.196), is amended to read:

Section 14. The salary of the members of the General Assembly shall be seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$7,200) per annum and mileage to and from their homes at the rate of ten cents (10¢) per mile circular, for each week a member was in actual attendance at the session, between their homes and the State capitol, and no other compensation shall be allowed whatsoever, except each member of the General Assembly shall receive an allowance for clerical assistance and other expenses incurred during his term in connection with the duties of his office, in the sum of **[four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$4,800)] eight thousand four hundred dollars (\$8,400)**, annually; the salary and expenses to be payable in equal monthly installments on the first of the month with the exception that the installment due December first of each even year shall be added to and payable with the installment due January first of the following year **[and with the further exception that all members of the Senate elected at the general election in 1964 shall, during the remainder of their terms, receive in addition to the allowance for clerical assistance and other expenses above provided by this act an additional expense allowance of one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200) per annum beginning December 1, 1966.]**

Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 14.1. (a) There is hereby established an independent

commission to be known as the "Commonwealth Compensation Commission," hereinafter referred to as the "commission," consisting of five members, two of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, one by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, one by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and one by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. They shall be private citizens, and shall not be eligible for election or appointment to public office during the continuance of their terms. The terms of the persons first appointed shall be for the calendar years 1971 and 1972. Persons thereafter appointed shall serve for a two-year term, which shall coincide with the two calendar years commencing with the year in which the appointment is made.

The commission shall elect one of its members chairman and members of the commission shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred while performing the duties imposed by this act. In addition, members of the commission shall be paid fifty dollars (\$50) per diem for each day such member is engaged upon work of the commission. The commission may retain an executive director and such clerical or secretarial personnel as it may require. The costs and expenses of the commission shall be paid out of funds appropriated to the Governor's office, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, pro rata.

(b) The commission shall make an exhaustive study of the salaries, emoluments, retirement benefits, mileage, per diem, travel and other expense allowances and reimbursements of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the cabinet officers (including the Auditor General and the State Treasurer), the justices and judges of the Supreme Court, the Superior Court, the Commonwealth Court, the courts of common pleas, the Municipal Court of Philadelphia and the Traffic Court of Philadelphia, and the officers and members of the General Assembly. As soon as is practicable after the effective date of this act for the initial report and thereafter for subsequent reports, on or before the commencement of each term of the General Assembly the commission shall submit to the Governor, the Chief Justice, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives its report establishing such salaries, emoluments, retirement benefits, mileage, per diem, travel and other expense allowances.

The initial report shall take effect immediately, unless, within sixty days following the date of submission thereof the General Assembly shall, by concurrent resolution reject the report, in whole or part, or enacts legislation as hereinafter provided in this section. Reports submitted subsequent to the initial report shall take effect and have the force and effect of law at the beginning of the first pay period of said term of the General Assembly or the date of assumption of office of persons affected thereby after such date, unless, within sixty days following the date of submission thereof, the General Assembly shall,

by concurrent resolution, reject the said report, in whole or in part, or unless within said period the General Assembly shall enact legislation which establishes a rate of pay or allowance differing from that recommended by said report in whole or in part. That portion of the report which is not inconsistent with the resolution or legislation so adopted shall have the force and effect of law as herein provided.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be applicable to each officer when permitted by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

APPROVED—The 16th day of June, A. D. 1971.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 8.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a prominent "T" at the end.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.