

## No. 143

## AN ACT

## HB 1555

Amending the act of January 10, 1968 (P.L.925), entitled "An act relating to officers and employes of the General Assembly; fixing the number, qualifications, compensation, mileage and duties of the officers and employes of the Senate and of the House of Representatives; providing for their election or appointment, term of office, or of service, removal and manner of filling vacancies; fixing the salary of the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau; providing for compilation of lists of employes," providing for increased compensation for each person whose compensation is fixed by this act and providing for annual meritorious increments for such persons.

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

Section 1. Article III, act of January 10, 1968 (P.L.925), entitled "An act relating to officers and employes of the General Assembly; fixing the number, qualifications, compensation, mileage and duties of the officers and employes of the Senate and of the House of Representatives; providing for their election or appointment, term of office, or of service, removal and manner of filling vacancies; fixing the salary of the Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau; providing for compilation of lists of employes," is amended by adding two sections to read:

## ARTICLE III

Provisions Applicable to Both Senate and  
House of Representatives

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*Section 52. (a) In addition to the amounts specified heretofore in this act or any amendments thereto and subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, each person, other than a member of the General Assembly, whose compensation is fixed in this act, shall be paid an amount to be determined in the following manner:*

*(1) If the annual compensation such person receives does not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), such amount shall equal ten per cent of the compensation specified; and*

*(2) If the annual compensation such person receives exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), such amount shall equal five per cent of the compensation specified.*

*Such amount shall be prorated to each pay period, beginning with the pay period during which this amendatory act becomes effective and continuing thereafter, subject, however, to the provision that no such amount shall be paid in violation of Presidential Executive Order 11615, and any subsequent rules and regulations thereto covering the period only from 12:01 A.M. on August 16, 1971 to midnight November 13, 1971.*

*(b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section are subject to the condition that such a person be employed for a period of at least six months by either House of the General Assembly to be eligible to receive such amount upon the effective date of this amendatory act. Any person who is an employe, as provided in subsection (a) of this section, who has not been so employed for a period of at least six months upon the effective date of this amendatory act shall become eligible to receive such amount upon the completion of such six-month period of employment.*

*Section 53. (a) Any person who is an employe under the provisions of section 52 of this act, shall, subject to the recommendation and approval of the authority having the power to employ such person, receive each year a meritorious increment in an amount equal to five per cent of the compensation such person is receiving at the time such increment shall take effect. Such amount shall be prorated to each pay period, beginning with the pay period during which the anniversary date of such employe falls and continuing thereafter.*

*(b) Those employes who are eligible to receive the increased compensation under the provisions of subsection (a) of section 52 of this act upon the effective date of this amendatory act shall have an anniversary date the same as the effective date of this amendatory act beginning one year thereafter and continuing each year thereafter.*

*(c) Those employes who are eligible to receive the increased compensation under the provisions of subsection (a) of section 52 of this act at a time after the effective date of this amendatory act upon the completion of the required six-month period of employment shall have an anniversary date the same as the date on which the required six-month period of employment is completed beginning one year thereafter and continuing each year thereafter.*

Section 2. It is the legislative intent that when this bill is constitutionally passed by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania it shall become law effective on the same date the Governor affixes his signature thereto, and such effective date shall not be construed to be changed by Presidential Order 11615: Provided, however, That while this bill shall become law on the effective date aforesaid, the General Assembly does not desire to be in violation of Presidential Order 11615 covering the period from August 16, 1971 to November 13, 1971, inclusive, and therefore, the increased compensation provided by this act shall not be paid during such Presidential Order period.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly  
No. 143.

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.*