

Bill No. 249

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Referred to Committee on Rules

LCO No. 1048

Introduced by SEN. SMITH, 2ND DIST.

General Assembly,

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

CONNECTICUT
STATE LIBRARY
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE
SECTION

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 2-8 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof: (a) Each member of the general assembly shall receive [three thousand two hundred fifty dollars for the term for which he is elected, to be paid as follows: The sum of six hundred fifty dollars within the first ten days of February, and thereafter the further sum of six hundred fifty dollars within the first ten days of each succeeding month until said sum of three thousand two hundred fifty dollars is paid; provided, at such time as constitutional provisions for the holding of annual sessions of the general assembly may be adopted, each member of said assembly shall receive four thousand dollars for the term for which he is elected, to be paid as follows: The sum of eight hundred dollars within the first ten days of February of the first year of his term, and thereafter the further sum of eight hundred dollars within the first ten days of each succeeding month until said sum of four thousand dollars is paid. At final adjournment of the regular session in the first year of the term for which such member is elected the balance remaining of said sum of three thousand two hundred fifty dollars or four thousand dollars, as the case may be, if any, shall be due and payable. Any such member may elect to receive one-half of the total compensation to

which he is entitled under the provisions of this section, 37
payable in equal monthly instalments for the first five months of 38
each year of the term for which he is elected or, at his option, 39
one-half of such compensation payable in equal monthly 40
instalments for the first five months of the first year of the 41
term for which he is elected and one-half of said compensation 42
payable in January of the second year of said term,] AS AN ANNUAL 43
SALARY A SUM DETERMINED BY SUBTRACTING THE SUM OF (1) HIS 44
ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME, AS REPORTED FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX 45
PURPOSES, AND (2) HIS NONTAXABLE INCOME, FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR 46
FROM TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS. THE AMOUNT DUE SUCH 47
MEMBER, IF ANY, SHALL BE PAID IN EQUAL MONTHLY INSTALMENTS WITHIN 48
THE FIRST TEN DAYS OF FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL, MAY AND JUNE IN 49
EACH YEAR, provided, if any such member ceases to hold such 50
office before receiving the full compensation to which he is 51
entitled for [such term,] ANY YEAR, the balance of such 52
compensation shall be immediately payable to him or to his 53
estate. (b) Each member shall receive, in addition to the 54
compensation payable under subsection (a) of this section and the 55
transportation allowance payable under section 2-15, the sum of 56
[seven hundred fifty dollars, or, if such provisions for annual 57
sessions are adopted,] fifteen hundred dollars[,] for the term 58
for which he is elected as reimbursement for expenses, which sum 59
shall be payable with the final payment made during the first 60
year of such term. Any member may elect to receive one-half of 61
the total amount to which he is entitled under this subsection, 62
payable June first of each year of the term for which he is 63
elected, provided, if any such member ceases to hold such office 64
before receiving the full amount to which he is entitled for such 65
term, the balance of such amount shall be immediately payable to
him or to his estate. (c) In lieu of the compensation provided
by [subsections (a) and] SUBSECTION (b) of this section, the
speaker of the house of representatives, the president pro
tempore of the senate and the majority and minority leaders of
the house of representatives and of the senate shall each receive

[five thousand dollars for the term for which he is elected, or, 65
if such provisions for annual sessions are adopted, six thousand 66
dollars, to be paid as follows: One-fifth within the first ten 67
days of February of the first year of his term and one-fifth 68
within the first ten days of each succeeding month thereafter 69
until his total compensation is paid. Each of said officers
shall receive] as reimbursement for expenses for the term for 70
which he is elected [one thousand dollars or, if such provisions 71
for annual sessions are adopted,] two thousand dollars, [in each 72
case] payable with the final payment during the first year of his 73
term. Each of said officers shall have the same option to elect 74
payment of [one-half of his compensation and] one-half of his
reimbursement for expenses in each year of the term for which he 75
is elected as is provided for other members under the provisions 76
of [subsections (a) and] SUBSECTION (b) of this section. (d) In 77
lieu of the compensation provided by subsections (a) and (b) of 78
this section, any member elected or appointed to fill any
unexpired term who begins serving after the [Wednesday after the 79
first Monday in June of any odd-numbered year] ADJOURNMENT SINE 80
DIE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ANY YEAR shall receive the sum of 81
twenty-five dollars per day for each day in attendance at any 82
special session called [thereafter] DURING THAT YEAR and, in 83
addition to the transportation allowance payable under section 2-
15, the sum of five dollars per day while in attendance at such 84
special session as reimbursement for expenses. In addition to 85
the compensation provided in subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this 86
section, each member elected to a full term of the general 87
assembly and each member elected to fill a vacancy who begins 88
serving prior to the [Wednesday after the first Monday of June of 89
any odd-numbered year] ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY IN ANY YEAR shall receive the sum of twenty-five dollars 90
per day for each day he is in attendance at the same special 91
session beyond the ninth day of such attendance. Any amounts due 92
under this subsection shall be payable twenty days after the 93
adjournment of such special session.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect January 3, 1973.

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To provide as compensation for each member of the general assembly only such amount as represents the difference obtained by subtracting from twelve thousand five hundred dollars his combined income from all other sources.

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[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets and proposed additions are all capitalized, or underlined where appropriate.]

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