

SENATE No. 609

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, Aug. 4 (P. M.), 1939.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the House Bill establishing the compensation of members of the General Court under the biennial system (House, No. 2348), report that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor a new draft with the same title (Senate, No. 609).

For the committee,

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Nine.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COURT UNDER THE BIENNIAL SYSTEM.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby de-
3 clared to be an emergency law, necessary for the im-
4 mediate preservation of the public convenience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-
sentatives in General Court assembled, and by the
authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter three of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by striking out section nine, as
3 most recently amended by section one of chapter two
4 hundred and thirty-six of the acts of nineteen hun-
5 dred and thirty-seven, and inserting in place thereof
6 the following: —

7 *Section 9.* Each member of the general court shall
8 receive two thousand dollars for the regular biennial
9 session of the term for which he is elected, and four
10 dollars and twenty cents for every mile of ordinary
11 traveling distance from his place of abode to the place
12 of sitting of the general court. The president of the
13 senate and the speaker of the house of representatives
14 shall each receive two thousand dollars additional
15 compensation for such session. Each member of the

16 general court shall be entitled to be paid his compen-
17 sation at the rate of two hundred dollars for each full
18 month of said session. Such payments shall be made
19 to him, upon his request, on the last legislative day
20 in which the general court is in session preceding the
21 fifteenth day of each month and on the day preceding
22 the last legislative day of each month, and shall be
23 for an amount not exceeding the proportion then due
24 at the aforesaid rate; provided, that the state treas-
25 urer, in his discretion, may, during said session, make
26 additional payments on account, in excess of such
27 monthly rate, to any member making written request
28 therefor, but the amount of such additional payments
29 shall not exceed, in the aggregate, three hundred dol-
30 lars in any such session, and in no event shall the
31 amount of all payments under this section to any
32 member exceed, in the aggregate, the compensation
33 of such member for such session. No member of the
34 general court shall receive any salary or compensation
35 or travel allowance for the second year of the term
36 for which he is elected.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter three is hereby further
2 amended by striking out section ten, as appearing in
3 the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place
4 thereof the following: —

5 *Section 10.* Each member of the general court
6 chosen to fill a vacancy, or who resigns his seat during
7 the term for which he was elected, shall be entitled
8 to a per diem compensation for the time of his mem-
9 bership at the rate of two thousand dollars for the
10 regular biennial session of such term, and to his mile-
11 age as provided in the preceding section.

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