

By Mr. Wetherbee of Pepperell, petition of Bruce E. Wetherbee relative to reducing the compensation of certain chairmen and vice chairmen of the committees of the General Court. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT REDUCING THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN CHAIRMEN AND VICE CHAIRMEN OF THE GENERAL COURT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out
2 section 9, as most recently amended by section 35 of chapter 283 of
3 the acts of 1976, and inserting in place thereof the following
4 section: —

5 *Section 9.* Except as hereinafter provided each member of the
6 general court shall receive for each regular annual session, com-
7 pensation equal to that which a state employee classified in Job
8 Group XIX of the general salary schedule in section forty-six of
9 chapter thirty would receive a calendar year as follows: — for the
10 nineteen hundred and seventy-seven session, step 1 of said job
11 group; for the nineteen hundred and seventy-eight session, step 2 of
12 said job group; for the nineteen hundred and seventy-nine session,
13 step 3 of said job group; for the nineteen hundred and eighty
14 session, step 4 of said job group; for the nineteen hundred and
15 eighty-one session, step 5 of said job group; for the nineteen
16 hundred and eighty-two session, step 6 of said job group; for the
17 nineteen hundred and eighty-three session, and thereafter, step 7 of
18 said job group. The president of the senate and the speaker of the
19 house of representatives shall each receive for each regular session
20 an amount equal to two and three quarters times the compensation
21 received by a member; provided, however, such compensation
22 shall not exceed ninety-five per cent of the annual salary received

23 by the governor. The chairman of the senate committee on ways
24 and means and the chairman of the house committee on ways and
25 means shall each receive twice the compensation received by a
26 member; provided, however, that such compensation shall not
27 exceed eighty-five per cent of the salary received by the governor.
28 The floor leaders of each of the major political parties in the senate
29 and house of representatives shall each receive one and three
30 quarters times the compensation received by a member; provided,
31 however, that such compensation shall not exceed eighty per cent
32 of the annual salary received by the governor. The assistant floor
33 leader of each of the major political parties in the senate and house
34 of representatives, the second assistant floor leader of each of the
35 major political parties in the senate and the second and third
36 assistant floor leaders of the minority party in the house of repre-
37 sentatives shall each receive one and one-half times the compen-
38 sation received by a member; provided, however, that such com-
39 pensation shall not exceed seventy per cent of the annual salary
40 received by the governor. The third assistant floor leader of the
41 minority party in the senate shall receive one and one-third times
42 the compensation received by a member provided, that such com-
43 pensation shall not exceed sixty per cent of the annual salary
44 received by the governor. Each member of the general court shall
45 be entitled to be paid for his compensation for each such session at
46 the rate of one twelfth the amount of compensation for such
47 session for each full month of the session. Such payments shall be
48 to him, upon his request, on the last legislative day in which the
49 general court is in session preceding the fifteenth day of each
50 month and on the date preceding the last legislative day of each
51 month, and shall be for an amount not exceeding the proportion
52 then due at the aforesaid rate; provided, that the state treasurer
53 may, during such regular session, make additional payments on
54 account, in excess of such monthly rate, to any member making
55 written request but the amount of such additional payments shall
56 not exceed, in the aggregate, fifteen hundred dollars in any one
57 such session, or two thousand dollars if such session continued
58 beyond July first, and in no event shall the amount of all payments
59 under this section during such session to any member exceed, in the
60 aggregate, the compensation of such member for such session.