

Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Flaherty of Cambridge, for a Bill relative to a temporary salary reduction for those in leadership positions in the Commonwealth. April 9.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO A TEMPORARY SALARY REDUCTION FOR THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to immediately reduce the salaries of
3 the speaker of the house of representatives and president of the
4 senate, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law,
5 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
6 convenience.

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

1 SECTION 1. It is hereby found that a state of fiscal emergency
2 exists in the commonwealth by reason of a deepening recession
3 resulting in both a current budget deficit and the inevitability of
4 a budget deficit in fiscal year nineteen hundred and ninety-two
5 unless substantial reductions, sacrifices and savings are achieved.
6 It is imperative that the consequences of such financial condition
7 be mitigated and corrected as soon as possible, so as to avert the
8 necessity of an even greater number of permanent reductions in
9 the government workforce and a shutdown of government
10 operations which would jeopardize program operations and the
11 delivery of services vital to the health, welfare and safety of the
12 citizens of the commonwealth. In these extraordinarily difficult
13 fiscal times, the entire state workforce has been asked to make
14 sacrifices. Nevertheless, additional sacrifices are needed to bring
15 the commonwealth through this economic crisis, and these
16 sacrifices must be borne first and foremost by the leadership of

17 the commonwealth. Therefore, as a matter of paramount public
18 policy, the general court finds and declares that throughout the
19 remainder of fiscal year nineteen hundred and ninety-one and
20 throughout the fiscal year nineteen hundred and ninety-two, the
21 salaries of the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of
22 Representatives be reduced by five per cent (5%).

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to
2 the contrary, the salaries of the Speaker of the House of
3 Representatives and the Senate President shall be reduced by five
4 per cent (5%).

1 SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall take effect on
2 May first, nineteen hundred and ninety-one and shall become
3 inoperative on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ninety-two.