

than [seventy] *ninety* days in each year; . THE NINETY DAYS SHALL BE CONSECUTIVE UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW [and on and after January 1, 1965, each member thereof shall receive a compensation of Twenty-four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00), per annum, payable quarterly, with a deduction of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per diem for each day of unexcused absence from any session; and he shall also receive such mileage as may be allowed by law, not exceeding Twenty Cents per mile; and the presiding officers of each House shall receive an additional compensation of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) per annum.] *but if THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY may extend its session beyond ninety days for a period or periods BUT, not exceeding an additional thirty days by resolution concurred in by a three-fifths vote of the membership in each House.* When the General Assembly is convened by Proclamation of the Governor, the session shall not continue longer than thirty days, but no additional compensation other than mileage and other allowances provided by law shall be paid members of the General Assembly for special session.

(2).

Any compensation AND ALLOWANCES paid to members of the General Assembly by whatever designation (including retirement allowances applicable to members of the General Assembly after retirement or other cessation of service) shall be as established by a commission known as the General Assembly Compensation Commission. The Commission shall consist of nine members, five of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, two of whom shall be appointed by the President of the Senate, and two of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. Members of the General Assembly and officers and employees of the Government of the State of Maryland or of any county, city, or other governmental unit of the State shall not be eligible for appointment to the Commission. The members of the INITIAL Commission shall be appointed within ten days after this Constitutional Amendment takes effect, and their terms shall expire ~~thirty days after each general election~~ MAY 31, 1974. Beginning June 1, ~~1975~~ 1974, members of the Commission shall be appointed for terms of four years. Members of the Commission are eligible for re-appointment. Any member of the Commission may be removed by the Governor prior to the expiration of his term for official misconduct, incompetence, or neglect of duty. The members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in carrying out their responsibilities under this section. Decisions of the Commission must be concurred in by at least five members.

(3).

Within fifteen days after the beginning of the regular session of the General Assembly in 1971 and within fifteen days after the beginning of the regular session in each fourth year thereafter, the Commission by formal resolution shall submit its determinations of compensation for salaries, retirement allowances, and any other compensation, to the General Assembly. The General Assembly may reduce, but shall not increase, any item in the resolution. The resolution, with any reductions that shall have been concurred in by both Houses, shall take effect and have the force of law as of the begin-