

# CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

House Calendar No. ....

Senate Calendar No. *47-C-35*

Introduced by Delegates McDonough and Miller.

## CHAPTER 431

### House Bill 131

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 15 of Article III of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Legislative Department," to provide that the General Assembly shall be empowered to set its own compensation, and providing for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

By the HOUSE OF DELEGATES, January 27, 1966.

Introduced, read the first time and referred to the Judiciary Committee.

By order, JAMES P. MAUSE, Chief Clerk.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Favorable, with amendments.

THOMAS H. LOWE, Chairman.

By the HOUSE OF DELEGATES, March 11, 1966.

Reported favorably by the Committee on Judiciary, with proposed amendments, amendments adopted, read the second time and ordered printed for third reading.

By order, JAMES P. MAUSE, Chief Clerk.

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CHAPTER.....

### A BILL ENTITLED

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1     SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,*  
2 (three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses  
3 concurring), That the following section be and it is hereby proposed  
4 as an amendment to Section 15 of Article III of the Constitution of  
5 Maryland, title "Legislative Department," the same, if adopted by  
6 the legally qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become  
7 part of the Constitution of Maryland:

7a 15.

8     The General Assembly may continue its session so long as in  
9 its judgment the public interest may require, for a period not longer  
10 than seventy days in each year; and on and after January 1, [1965]  
11 1967 each member thereof shall receive [a compensation of Twenty-  
12 four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00), per annum, payable quarterly,  
13 with a deduction of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per diem for each day  
14 of unexcused absence from any session; and he shall also receive  
15 such mileage as may be allowed by law, not exceeding Twenty Cents  
16 per mile; and the presiding officers of each House shall receive an  
17 additional compensation of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)  
18 per annum.] *which shall be set from time to time by an Act of the*  
19 *General Assembly, including provisions for mileage, deductions for*  
20 *absentees and additional compensation for the presiding officers of*  
21 *each House* SUCH COMPENSATION AS SHALL BE PROVIDED  
21a BY LAW BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH SHALL NOT  
21b BE DIMINISHED OR REDUCED DURING ANY TERM OF

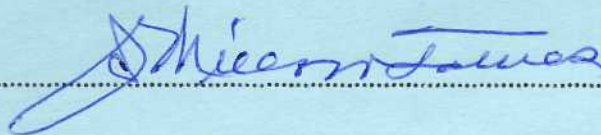
EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*  
[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.  
CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.



21c OFFICE. When the General Assembly shall be convened by Proc-  
 22 lamation of the Governor, the session shall not continue longer than  
 23 thirty days, but no additional compensation other than mileage and  
 24 other allowances provided by law shall be paid members of the  
 25 General Assembly for special session.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the foregoing section  
 2 hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland,  
 3 at the next general election to be held in this State in November,  
 4 1966, shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for  
 5 their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in  
 6 Article 14 of the Constitution of this State, and at the said general  
 7 election, the vote on the said proposed amendment to the Constitu-  
 8 tion shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed  
 9 the words "for the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the  
 10 Constitutional Amendment" as now provided by law, and, immedi-  
 11 ately after said election, all returns shall be made to the Governor  
 12 of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by  
 13 said Article 14 of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in  
 14 accordance with said Article 14.

Approved: APR 29 1966



Governor.



Speaker of the House of Delegates.



President of the Senate.



Sealed with the Great Seal and Presented to the Governor, for his

approval this **APR 29 1966** .....day of.....

at..... o'clock.....

*James S. Moore*

Chief Clerk.

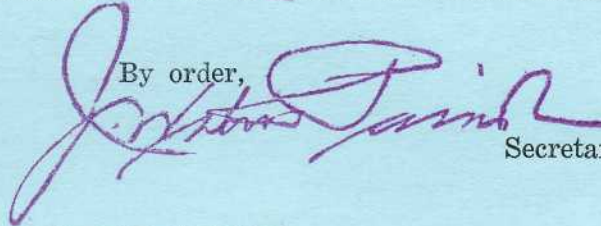


BY THE SENATE

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Reported favorably from the.....  
the second time. JUD. P...  
COMMITTEE.....and read

By order,  
  
Secretary.

BY THE SENATE

.....1966

Reported favorably from the.....with  
amendment; amendment adopted, read the second time.

By order,

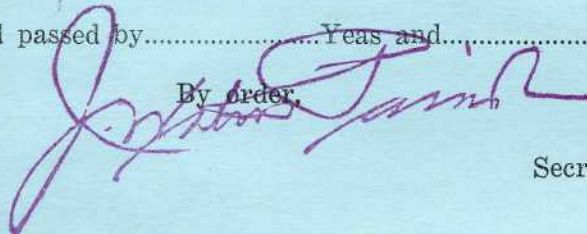
Secretary.

BY THE SENATE

MAR 25 1966

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Read third time and passed by.....Yeas and.....Nays.

By order,  
  
Secretary.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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Senate amendment concurred in and bill passed by Yeas and Nays as  
amended.

By order,

Chief Clerk.

Read and Examined by Proof Readers:

*Florence B. von Hagee*  
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Proof Reader.

*Frederick H. [unclear]*  
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Proof Reader.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

MAR 16 1966

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Read third time and passed by yeas and nays.

By order,

*James T. Wause*

Chief Clerk.

BY THE SENATE

MAR 16 1966

.....1966

Read the first time and referred to

JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

By order,

*Robert [unclear]*

Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

*Senate Jud. Proc. 3/24/66*  
*Favorable*

*Frederick [unclear]*  
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Chairman.

FILED MAY 3 1966

*Richard Young*, CLERK  
COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND