

Wednesday of January, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, and on the same day in every second year thereafter, and on the first Wednesday in February, nineteen hundred and fifty, and on the same day in every second year thereafter, and at no other time, unless convened by Proclamation of the Governor.

¹ SEC. 15. The General Assembly may continue its session so long as in its judgment the public interest may require, for a period not longer than ninety days in odd years and thirty days in even years; and on and after January 1, 1949, each member thereof shall receive a compensation of Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00) 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) per annum. In any of said thirty-day sessions in even years, the General Assembly shall consider no bills other than (1) Bills having to do with budgetary, revenue and financial matters of the State Government, (2) legislation dealing with an acute emergency, and (3) legislation in the general public welfare. When the General Assembly shall be convened by Proclamation of the Governor, the session shall not continue longer than thirty days, but an² additional compensation other than mileage and other allowances provided by law shall be paid members of the General Assembly for special session.

SEC. 16. No book, or other printed matter not appertaining to the business of the session, shall be purchased, or subscribed for, for the use of the members of the General Assembly, or be distributed among them, at the public expense.

SEC. 17. No Senator or Delegate, after qualifying as such, notwithstanding he may thereafter resign, shall during the whole period of time, for which he was elected, be eligible to any office, which shall have been created, or the salary, or profits of which shall have been increased, during such term.

SEC. 18. No Senator or Delegate shall be liable in any civil action, or criminal prosecution, whatever, for words spoken in debate.

¹ Thus amended by Chapter 497, Acts of 1947, ratified November 2, 1948.

² The word "no" evidently intended.