

a period not longer than ninety days in each year, but it may extend its session beyond ninety days for a period not exceeding an additional thirty days by resolution concurred in by three-fifths vote in each House. When the General Assembly shall be 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) The compensation, personal per diem expense allowances, mileage allowances, retirement allowances (including retirement allowances applicable to members of the General Assembly after retirement or other cessation of service) of the members of the General Assembly 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 Commission shall be appointed within twenty days after this Constitutional Amendment takes effect, and their terms shall expire on May 31, 1975. Beginning with June 1, 1975, 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, incompetency 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 1970 and within fifteen days of the beginning of the regular session in each fourth year thereafter, the Commission shall by formal resolution submit its determinations of compensation, personal per diem expense allowances, mileage allowances and retirement 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 on January 1 of the year following its