

CHAPTER 18

(Senate Bill 31)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 2 of Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "General Assembly", sub-title "Mileage, Pay and Stationery", correcting an error in the law relating to the payment of compensation to members of the General Assembly in order that the section may be in accord with the provisions of the Constitution as to salary paid to the members of the Legislature.

WHEREAS, In Section 2 of Article 40 of the State Code, there are provisions concerning the quarterly compensation of members of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, This Section has not been amended since it was enacted in 1943 and therefore does not contain correct figures for the compensation of members of the General Assembly as contained in Section 15 of Article 3 of the Constitution of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The statute should be corrected in order to be in accord with the State Constitution; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 2 of Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "General Assembly", sub-title "Mileage, Pay and Stationery", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

2. Pay.

(a) The State Comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to pay to each member of the General Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of Article 3 of the Constitution of Maryland, on the first day of January, April, July and October each year, beginning with January, ~~[1943]~~ 1959, the sum of ~~[two]~~ four hundred and fifty dollars ~~[((\$250.00)]~~ (\$450.00) each, except that the presiding officer of each house shall be paid the sum of ~~[three]~~ five hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents ~~[((\$312.50)]~~ (\$512.50) on each of said days, provided, however, that the first quarterly payment to any newly elected or appointed member or to any re-elected member of the General Assembly shall be made only after such newly elected, appointed or re-elected member has qualified and taken the oath of office.

(b) The presiding officer of each house shall file with the State Comptroller a certified list of the members of the respective houses who have been elected and qualified, which certificate shall be the authority to said Comptroller to make the above specified payments. Where any deductions are to be made for unexcused absences from any session of the General Assembly, such deductions shall be made from the next succeeding payment or payments. In case of a vacancy

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.