[Provided further that any desk officer or employee of either house of the General Assembly, who was receiving an annual salary as compensation for such employment as of February 1, 1961, and who previously served as a desk officer or employee of either house of the General Assembly and received per diem compensation for such previous service, shall be entitled to prior service credit equal to four years for any four-year term of a General Assembly during which such previous service was rendered.]

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1962.

Approved March 23, 1962.

## CHAPTER 112

Failed

## (House Bill 181)

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 15 of Article III of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Legislative Department", to increase the compensation of the members and presiding officers of the General Assembly, and to correct an error therein, and submitting this amendment to the legally qualified voters of the State for their adoption and rejection.

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

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 1963, each member thereof shall receive a compensation of [Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$18,000.00)] Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) 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]] Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) 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

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.