

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~~ 1971 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, ~~expense allowances and retirement~~ 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 submission unless negated by joint resolution of the General Assembly prior to that time. The provisions thereof shall continue in force until superseded by any succeeding resolution which shall take effect, ~~provided that the General Assembly may at any time reduce the level of benefits of any of the items thereof.~~

(4) Until ratification of this amendment and the effective date of compensation and retirement allowances established as hereinafter set forth, the compensation and retirement allowances shall remain as they were prior to ratification of this amendment.

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Any bill may originate in either House of the General Assembly and be altered, amended or rejected by the other. No bill shall originate in either House during the last ~~twenty-eight~~ forty-five calendar days of a regular session, unless two-thirds of the members elected thereto shall so determine by yeas and nays, and in addition the two Houses by joint and similar rule may further regulate the right to introduce bills during this period; nor shall any bill become a law until it be read on three different days of the session in each House, unless two-thirds of the members elected to the House where such bill is pending shall so determine by yeas and nays, and no bill shall be read a third time until it shall have been actually engrossed or printed for a third reading.