

Summary of An Act Relative to the Compensation of Public Officials

- Increases the salaries of constitutional officers as follows:
 - Governor: from \$140,535* to \$185,000 (with \$65,000 housing allowance)
 - Lieutenant Governor: from \$ 124,920* to \$165,000
 - Attorney General: from \$127,523* to \$175,000
 - Secretary: from \$124,920* to \$165,000
 - Treasurer: from \$124,920* to \$175,000
 - Auditor: from \$124,920* to \$165,000
- Increases the stipends of legislators as follows:**
 - Speaker and Senate President: from \$35,000 to \$80,000
 - Ways and Means Chairs: from \$25,000 to \$65,000
 - Majority and Minority Leaders: from \$22,500 to 60,000
 - Speaker pro-tem, President pro-tem: from \$15,000 to \$50,000
 - Assistant Leaders: from \$15,000 to \$35,000
 - Most committee chairs (and specified vice-chairs): from \$7,500 to \$15,000
 - Specified committee chairs: from \$15,000 to \$30,000
 - Most committee vice-chairs: \$5,200
- Removes per-diems for legislator travel
- Increases legislators' office expense accounts from \$7,200 to \$15,000 (if residence within 50 miles) and \$20,000 (if residence outside 50 miles)
- Adjusts the salaries of constitutional officers and the stipends and office accounts of legislators every 2 years, according to the change in salaries and wages in Massachusetts, as measured by the Bureau of Economic Analysis.
- Prohibits constitutional officers and the Speaker and Senate President from receiving earned income from any other source, but allows unearned or passive income.
- Increases the salaries of judges by a total of \$25,000 in 4 half-year installments, ending July 1, 2018

* These are the statutory salary amounts as of 2007, which have been adjusted several times since by the Governor under the constitutional process.

** These stipends have not been changed since 1982.