

AN ACT

To amend section one of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, five hundred seventy-nine), entitled "An act to fix the salary and mileage of the members of the General Assembly, and to provide for the furnishing of such postage, stationery, and supplies, as may be necessary for the conduct of their offices; and repealing all acts or parts of acts inconsistent therewith," as amended, decreasing the compensation of members of the General Assembly and the amount they shall receive for postage and mileage.

General
Assembly.

Section 1, act
of June 24, 1919
(P. L. 579), as
amended by act
of May 10, 1927
(P. L. 380), fur-
ther amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c. That section one of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen (Pamphlet Laws, five hundred seventy-nine), entitled "An act to fix the salary and mileage of the members of the General Assembly, and to provide for the furnishing of such postage, stationery, and supplies, as may be necessary for the conduct of their offices; and repealing all acts or parts of acts inconsistent therewith," which was amended by the act approved the tenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven (Pamphlet Laws, eight hundred eighty), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

General
Assembly.

Salary of
members.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the salary of the members of the General Assembly shall be [three thousand dollars (\$3,000)] *two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500)* for each biennial session, and mileage to and from their homes at the rate of five cents per mile circular for each week a member was in actual attendance at the session, to be computed by the ordinary mail route between their homes and the capital of the State. The salary of the members of the General Assembly shall be five hundred dollars (\$500), and mileage as aforesaid, for each special or extraordinary session, and no other compensation shall be allowed whatever, except one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) in postage for each regular biennial session and fifty dollars (\$50) for each special or extraordinary session.

APPROVED—The 2d day of June, A. D. 1933.

At first I was disposed to veto this bill. It seemed to me wholly inconsistent for the Legislature to refuse to accept a voluntary reduction in salary at the recent session and at the same time reduce salaries of members for the session which will be held in 1935.

However, the Legislature rarely sits more than sixty (60) days during any regular session. At \$2,500 a year, this means upwards of \$40 per day for each day of actual work. On the basis of three hundred (300) working days that makes the annual rate of pay more than \$12,000.

Upon second thought I am satisfied that compensation at the rate of \$12,000 per annum is adequate for most of the members of the Legislature.

GIFFORD PINCHOT