

House Bill 869

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General
2 Assembly, so as to provide that in the event of budgetary constraints, the Legislative Services
3 Committee may direct a reduction in the amount of the salary otherwise received by
4 members and officers of the General Assembly; to provide for related matters; to provide an
5 effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is
9 amended in Code Section 28-1-8, relating to salary and allowance of members of the General
10 Assembly, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

11 "(a) ~~Each~~ Except as provided in Code Section 28-4-2.1, each member of the General
12 Assembly shall receive an annual salary, as provided for in Code Section 45-7-4, to be paid
13 in equal monthly installments. Upon complying with the requirements of paragraph (22)
14 of subsection (a) of Code Section 45-7-4, each member shall also be reimbursed for those
15 actual expenses incurred in the performance of duties for which reimbursement is provided
16 in paragraph (22) of subsection (a) of Code Section 45-7-4. The Speaker of the House of
17 Representatives, the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives, and the
18 President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall receive an additional amount per annum as
19 provided for in Code Section 45-7-4. The majority leader, the minority leader, the
20 administration floor leader, and the assistant administration floor leaders of the House of
21 Representatives and the majority leader, the minority leader, the administration floor
22 leader, and the assistant administration floor leaders of the Senate shall each receive such
23 additional amount per annum as shall be provided by resolution of the respective houses;
24 but such amount for each shall not be greater than the additional amount provided by law
25 for the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives. All of such additional
26 amounts shall also be paid in equal monthly installments."

27 **SECTION 2.**

28 Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

29 "28-4-2.1.

30 (a) In the event of budgetary constraints, the Legislative Services Committee may direct
31 a reduction in the amount of the salary which would otherwise be received by members and
32 officers of the General Assembly under Code Section 45-7-4.

33 (b) Any such reduction shall be in the form of a percentage reduction equivalent to not
34 more than one day's pay per month. The duration of the salary reduction pursuant to any
35 single authorization by the committee shall not exceed six months; but the committee may
36 by further authorization provide for one or more further periods of salary reduction.

37 (c) Any action under this Code section shall require the affirmative votes of two-thirds of
38 the entire membership of the Legislative Services Committee. The committee meeting at
39 which such action is taken shall be open to the public; and at least one week's prior notice
40 of the meeting shall be given by publication on the General Assembly's website or other
41 means or both."

42 **SECTION 3.**

43 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
44 without such approval.

45 **SECTION 4.**

46 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.