

**ADOPTED**

Representative Powell of the 171<sup>st</sup> offers the following amendment:

1 *Amend the Senate substitute to HB 202 (LC 25 6676S) by inserting ", expenses," after "state*  
 2 *officials" on line 20.*

3 *By inserting between lines 93 and 94 the following:*

4 **SECTION 2-2.**

5 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 45-7-4, relating to annual salaries, expenses,  
 6 and cost-of-living adjustments of certain state officials, by revising subsection (b) as follows:

7 "(b) As a ~~cost-of-living~~ an adjustment except as qualified below as to members and  
 8 member-officers of the General Assembly, the annual salary of each state official whose  
 9 salary is established by Code Section 45-7-3, this Code section, and Code Sections 45-7-20  
 10 and 45-7-21, including members of the General Assembly, the Speaker of the House of  
 11 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker Pro Tempore  
 12 of the House of Representatives, may be increased by the General Assembly in the General  
 13 Appropriations Act by a percentage not to exceed the average percentage of the ~~general~~  
 14 increase in salary as may from time to time be granted to employees of the executive,  
 15 judicial, and legislative branches of government. However, any increase for such officials  
 16 shall not include within-grade step increases for which employees subject to compensation  
 17 plans authorized and approved in accordance with Code Section 45-20-4 are eligible. Any  
 18 increase granted pursuant to this subsection shall become effective at the same time that  
 19 funds are made available for the increase for such employees, except increases for  
 20 members and member-officers of the General Assembly. That portion of the increase  
 21 determined by the Legislative Services Committee to reflect a cost-of-living increase based  
 22 upon objective economic criteria shall become effective for members and member-officers  
 23 at the same time that funds are made available for the increase for such employees. The  
 24 balance of the increase for members and member-officers of the General Assembly shall  
 25 become effective on the convening of the next General Assembly in January of the next  
 26 odd-numbered year. The Office of Planning and Budget shall calculate the average  
 27 percentage increase."