

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2017 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **Senate Bill 449**

BY SENATOR GAUNCH

[Introduced February 27, 2017; Referred  
to the Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §4-2A-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
 2 to the apportionment of compensation of members of the Legislature.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1 That §4-2A-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted  
 2 to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 2A. COMPENSATION FOR AND EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF THE  
 LEGISLATURE.**

**§4-2A-2. Basic compensation for services; proration.**

1 (a) Beginning in the calendar year 2009 and for each calendar year after that, each  
 2 member of the Legislature shall receive as basic compensation for his or her services the sum of  
 3 \$20,000 per calendar year, to be ~~paid~~ calculated as provided in subsection (b) of this section. In  
 4 addition to the basic compensation, members shall receive the additional compensations as are  
 5 expressly provided in sections three, four and five of this article. All other increased amounts or  
 6 new amounts in respect to the compensation of members of the Legislature, set forth in the  
 7 resolution of the Citizens Legislative Compensation Commission, dated January 9, 2007, and  
 8 implemented in sections two, four, six and eight of this article providing for new amounts or  
 9 amounts increased to new amounts greater than those in force and effect on January 1, 2007,  
 10 become effective for calendar year 2009 and each calendar year after that: *Provided, That*  
 11 increased amounts or new amounts in respect to the expenses of members of the Legislature,  
 12 set forth in said resolution, and implemented in sections six and eight of this article providing for  
 13 new amounts or amounts increased to new amounts greater than those in force and effect on  
 14 January 1, 2007, become effective for calendar year 2008 and each calendar year after that.

15 (b) The basic compensation is ~~payable~~ apportioned as follows:

16 (1) In the year 2009, and every fourth year after that:

17 (A) Five thousand dollars earned in each of February, March and April, payable twice a

18 month; and

19 (B) Six hundred twenty-five dollars earned in each of January, May, June, July, August,  
20 September, October and November; ~~payable once a month~~

21 (2) Beginning in 2010, in all years except those described in subdivision (1) of this  
22 subsection:

23 (A) Five thousand dollars earned in each of January, February and March, payable twice  
24 a month; and

25 (B) Six hundred and twenty-five dollars earned in each of April, May, June, July, August,  
26 September, October and November; ~~payable once a month~~

27 (3) Payments of the compensation specified in this subsection shall be made pursuant to  
28 the standard pay schedule utilized by the State Auditor for payment of salaried public employees.

29 (c) In the event of the death, resignation or removal of a member of the Legislature and  
30 the appointment and qualification of his or her successor, the compensation provided in this  
31 section for the month in which the death, resignation or removal of the member of the Legislature  
32 occurs shall be prorated between the original member and his or her successor on the basis of  
33 the number of days served, including Saturdays and Sundays in the month.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to establish a compensation payment schedule for members of the Legislature that is consistent with the state's payroll systems..

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.