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House Bill 2767

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NOTE

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Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §6-7-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to
 2 providing a housing allowance of \$2,000 per month for designated state constitutional
 3 officers to assist in residing in the seat of state government.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 7. COMPENSATION AND ALLOWANCES.

§6-7-2. Salaries of certain state officers.

1 (a) Beginning in the calendar year 2005, and for each calendar year after that, salaries for
 2 each of the state Constitutional officers are as follows:

- 3 (1) The salary of the Governor is \$95,000 per year;
- 4 (2) The salary of the Attorney General is \$80,000 per year;
- 5 (3) The salary of the Auditor is \$75,000 per year;
- 6 (4) The salary of the Secretary of State is \$70,000 per year;
- 7 (5) The salary of the Commissioner of Agriculture is \$75,000 per year; and
- 8 (6) The salary of the state Treasurer is \$75,000 per year.

9 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, beginning in the
 10 calendar year 2009, and for each calendar year thereafter, salaries for each of the state
 11 Constitutional officers shall be as follows:

- 12 (1) The salary of the Governor shall be \$150,000 per year;
- 13 (2) The salary of the Attorney General shall be \$95,000 per year;
- 14 (3) The salary of the Auditor shall be \$95,000 per year;
- 15 (4) The salary of the Secretary of State shall be \$95,000 per year;
- 16 (5) The salary of the Commissioner of Agriculture shall be \$95,000 per year; and
- 17 (6) The salary of the state Treasurer shall be \$95,000 per year.

18 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, beginning in the
 19 calendar year 2025, and for each calendar year thereafter, a monthly housing allowance for each
 20 of the state constitutional officers shall be as follows:

21 (1) The housing allowance of the Attorney General shall be \$2,000 per month, provided the
22 housing allowance is used for providing housing in the seat of state government;

23 (2) The housing allowance of the Auditor shall be \$2,000 per month, provided the housing
24 allowance is used for providing housing in the seat of state government;

25 (3) The salary of the Secretary of State shall be \$2,000 per month, provided the housing
26 allowance is used for providing housing in the seat of state government;

27 (4) The salary of the Commissioner of Agriculture shall be \$2,000 per month, provided it is
28 used for providing housing in the seat of state government; and

29 (5) The salary of the State Treasurer shall be \$2,000 per month, provided it is used for
30 providing housing in the seat of state government.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide a housing allowance of \$2,000 per month for designated state constitutional officers to assist in residing in the seat of state government.

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