

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 639

Short Title: Cut Salaries.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Ligon; Dockham, Gardner, Hege, Howard, Russell, and Wilson.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 10, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO GENERALLY REDUCE BY FIFTEEN PERCENT THE SALARIES OF STATE OFFICIALS, STATE EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES EARNING MORE THAN FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS PER YEAR, AND TO REDUCE THE SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY FIFTEEN PERCENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) Effective July 1, 1991, if the total annual compensation, including longevity pay, of any elected or appointed State officer or State employee is \$58,825 or more, the total annual compensation shall be reduced by fifteen percent (15%). If the total annual compensation, including longevity pay, is greater than \$50,000 but less than \$58,825, the total annual compensation shall be reduced to \$50,000.

(b) This section shall not apply to compensation pursuant to contracts entered into prior to July 1, 1991. As provided by Article III, Section 9 of the Constitution of North Carolina, it shall become effective January 1, 1992, with respect to offices established under that Article. As provided by Article IV, Section 21 of the Constitution of North Carolina, it shall not apply to judges in office on July 1, 1991, during continuance in that office, but shall apply to the successor to any such judge.

Sec. 2. Effective July 1, 1991, Article 22 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new Part to read:

"PART. 6. MAXIMUM EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION.

"§ 115C-331. Salary schedule revision; reduction of compensation.

1 (a) Effective July 1, 1991, if the total annual compensation, including salaries,
2 supplements, and bonuses, from State and federal funds, of any employee of a local
3 school administrative unit is \$58,825 or more, the total annual compensation shall be
4 reduced by fifteen percent (15%). If the total annual compensation, including salaries,
5 supplements, and bonuses, from State and federal funds, is greater than \$50,000 but less
6 than \$58,825, the total annual compensation shall be reduced to \$50,000.

7 This section shall not apply to compensation pursuant to contracts entered into prior
8 to July 1, 1991."

9 Sec. 3. Effective July 1, 1991, G.S. 120-3 reads as rewritten:

10 **"§ 120-3. Pay of members and officers of the General Assembly.**

11 (a) The Speaker of the House shall be paid an annual salary of ~~thirty-five~~
12 ~~thousand one hundred dollars (\$35,100)~~twenty-nine thousand eight hundred thirty-five
13 dollars (\$29,835), payable monthly, and an expense allowance of one thousand three
14 hundred twenty dollars (\$1,320) per month. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate
15 shall be paid an annual salary of ~~thirty-five thousand one hundred dollars (\$35,100)~~twenty-
16 nine thousand eight hundred thirty-five dollars (\$29,835), payable monthly, and an
17 expense allowance of one thousand three hundred twenty dollars (\$1,320) per month.
18 The Speaker Pro Tempore of the House shall be paid an annual salary of ~~nineteen~~
19 ~~thousand seven hundred seventy-six dollars (\$19,776)~~sixteen thousand eight hundred nine
20 dollars (\$16,809), payable monthly, and an expense allowance of seven hundred eighty
21 dollars (\$780.00) per month; and the Deputy President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall
22 be paid an annual salary of ~~nineteen thousand seven hundred seventy-six dollars~~
23 ~~(\$19,776)~~sixteen thousand eight hundred nine dollars (\$16,809), payable monthly, and
24 an expense allowance of seven hundred eighty dollars (\$780.00) per month. The
25 majority and minority leaders in the House and the majority and minority leaders in the
26 Senate shall be paid an annual salary of ~~fifteen thousand three hundred ninety-six dollars~~
27 ~~(\$15,396)~~thirteen thousand eight-hundred dollars (\$13,086), payable monthly, and an expense
28 allowance of six hundred twenty-two dollars (\$622.00) per month.

29 (b) Every other member of the General Assembly shall receive increases in
30 annual salary only to the extent of and in the amounts equal to the average increases
31 received by employees of the State, effective upon convening of the next Regular
32 Session of the General Assembly after enactment of these increased amounts.
33 Accordingly, ~~upon convening of the 1991 Regular Session of the General Assembly,~~ every
34 other member of the General Assembly shall be paid an annual salary of ~~twelve thousand~~
35 ~~five hundred four dollars (\$12,504)~~ten thousand six hundred twenty-eight dollars
36 (\$10,628), payable monthly, and an expense allowance of five hundred twenty-two
37 dollars (\$522.00) per month.

38 (c) The salary and expense allowances provided in this section are in addition to
39 any per diem compensation and any subsistence and travel allowance authorized by any
40 other law with respect to any regular or extra session of the General Assembly, and
41 service on any State board, agency, commission, standing committee and study
42 commission."

43 Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.