96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

25 ILCS 120/4	from Ch. 63	, par.	904
25 ILCS 120/5	from Ch. 63	, par.	905

Amends the Compensation Review Act. Requires that the Compensation Review Board file separate reports with respect to (i) State executive branch constitutional officers and General Assembly members and (ii) all other offices and positions subject to the Act. Provides that a report is effective if approved in whole or reduced by a resolution adopted by the General Assembly (now, effective unless disapproved in whole or reduced by a resolution adopted by the General Assembly). Requires a separate resolution and vote for each report. Removes an obsolete reference to the period for disapproval of the Board's initial report.

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A BILL FOR

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AN ACT concerning State government.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Compensation Review Act is amended by 5 changing Sections 4 and 5 as follows:

6 (25 ILCS 120/4) (from Ch. 63, par. 904)

7 Sec. 4. Meetings of the Board; determining compensation; 8 public hearings; reports. The Board shall meet as often as may 9 be necessary and shall determine, upon a vote requiring at least 7 affirmative votes, the compensation for members of the 10 General Assembly, judges, other than the county supplement, 11 12 State's attorneys, other than the county supplement, the elected constitutional officers of State government, 13 and 14 certain appointed officers of State government.

In determining the compensation for each office, the Compensation Review Board shall consider the following factors:

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(a) the skill required,

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(b) the time required,

(c) the opportunity for other earned income,

21 (d) the value of public services as performed in 22 comparable states,

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(e) the value of such services as performed in the

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private sector in Illinois and comparable states based on the responsibility and discretion required in the office,

3 (f) the average consumer prices commonly known as the 4 cost of living,

5 (g) the overall compensation presently received by the 6 public officials and all other benefits received,

7 (h) the interests and welfare of the public and the
8 financial ability of the State to meet those costs, and

9 (i) such other factors, not confined to the foregoing, 10 which are normally or traditionally taken into 11 consideration in the determination of such compensation.

12 The Board shall conduct public hearings prior to filing its 13 <u>reports</u> report.

At the public hearings, the Board shall allow interested persons to present their views and comments. The Board may prescribe reasonable rules for the conduct of public hearings, to prevent undue repetition. The meetings of the Board are subject to the Open Meetings Act.

19 The Board shall propose (i) one file an initial report with 20 respect to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney 21 General, Secretary of State, State Comptroller, State 22 Treasurer, State Senators, and State Representatives (known as 23 "report A") and (ii) one report with respect to all other offices and positions (known as "report B"). The Board shall 24 25 file the reports with the House of Representatives, the Senate, 26 the Comptroller and the Secretary of State. Subsequent reports

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1 shall be filed therewith before April 1 in each even-numbered 2 year. Report A shall state thereafter stating the annual salary 3 for members of the General Assembly and au the elected State executive branch constitutional officers. Report B shall state 4 5 the annual salary for and certain appointed State officers and 6 compensated employees and members of certain State departments, agencies, boards, and commissions whose terms 7 8 begin in the next calendar year; the annual salary for State's 9 attorneys; and the annual salary for the Auditor General and 10 for Supreme Court, Appellate Court, Circuit Court, and 11 Associate judges. If a the report increases the annual salary 12 of judges, State's attorneys, and the Auditor General, such increase shall take effect when the report is approved as soon 13 14 as the time period for disapproval or reduction, as provided in 15 subsection (b) of Section 5, has expired.

16 The salaries in <u>a</u> the report or as reduced by the General 17 Assembly, other than for judges, State's attorneys, and the 18 Auditor General, shall take effect as provided by law.

19 (Source: P.A. 90-375, eff. 8-14-97; 91-798, eff. 7-9-00.)

20 (25 ILCS 120/5) (from Ch. 63, par. 905)

Sec. 5. (a) If the Board fails to recommend a change in salary or the General Assembly <u>does not approve a</u> disapproves the report as provided in subsection (b), and a new term for any officer provided for in this Act begins, the salary for the new term shall be the same as the salary in effect when the

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1 previous term ended.

(b) The General Assembly may approve a disapprove the 2 report of the Board in whole, or reduce it in whole 3 proportionately, within 30 session days after each house of the 4 5 legislature next convenes after the report is filed, by 6 adoption of a resolution by a record vote of the majority of the members elected in each house directed to the Board. Such 7 resolution shall be binding upon the Board. A resolution may 8 9 approve or reduce no more than one report, and no more than one 10 resolution may be adopted by a single vote.

For the initial report filed by the Board after this Act takes effect, the General Assembly may, by January 9, 1985, disapprove the report of the Board in whole, or reduce it in whole proportionately, after the report is filed, by the adoption of a resolution by a record vote of the majority of the members.

17 (Source: P.A. 83-1177.)

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