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2 Introduced by Representatives Ainsworth of Royalton, Adams of Hartland,
3 Lawrence of Lyndon, McAllister of Highgate, McNeil of
4 Rutland Town, Townsend of Randolph and Winters of
5 Williamstown

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Finance; salaries; general assembly; members; cost of living
9 adjustments

10 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to eliminate the cost of living
11 adjustment for members of the general assembly for the first year of the
12 2009–2010 legislative session.

13 An act relating to compensation for members of the general assembly

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 1051(a) is amended to read:

16 (a) The speaker of the house and the president pro tempore of the senate
17 shall receive annual compensation of \$10,080.00 for the 2005 biennial session
18 and thereafter to be paid in biweekly payments; provided that, beginning on
19 January 1, 2007, the annual compensation shall be adjusted annually thereafter
20 by the cost of living adjustment negotiated for state employees under the most

1 recent collective bargaining agreement; and further provided that beginning on
2 January 1, 2009 and ending on January 1, 2010, the annual compensation shall
3 not be adjusted by the cost of living adjustment negotiated for state employees
4 under the most recent collective bargaining agreement. In addition to the
5 annual compensation, the speaker and president pro tempore shall receive:

6 (1) \$652.00 a week for the 2005 biennial session and thereafter, to be
7 paid in biweekly payments during the regular and adjourned sessions of the
8 general assembly; provided that, beginning on January 1, 2007, the weekly
9 compensation shall be adjusted annually thereafter by the cost of living
10 adjustment negotiated for state employees under the most recent collective
11 bargaining agreement; and further provided that beginning on January 1, 2009
12 and ending on January 1, 2010, the annual compensation shall not be adjusted
13 by the cost of living adjustment negotiated for state employees under the most
14 recent collective bargaining agreement;

15 (2) \$130.00 a day during a special session of the general assembly
16 which is called at any time following the 2005 biennial session; provided that,
17 beginning on January 1, 2007, the daily compensation shall be adjusted
18 annually thereafter by the cost of living adjustment negotiated for state
19 employees under the most recent collective bargaining agreement; and further
20 provided that beginning on January 1, 2009 and ending on January 1, 2010, the
21 annual compensation shall not be adjusted by the cost of living adjustment

1 negotiated for state employees under the most recent collective bargaining
2 agreement; and

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4 Sec. 2. 32 V.S.A. § 1052(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) Each member of the general assembly, other than the speaker and the
6 president pro tempore of the senate, is entitled to a weekly salary of \$589.00
7 for the 2005 biennial session and thereafter; provided that, beginning on
8 January 1, 2007, the weekly compensation shall be adjusted annually thereafter
9 by the cost of living adjustment negotiated for state employees under the most
10 recent collective bargaining agreement; and further provided that beginning on
11 January 1, 2009 and ending on January 1, 2010, the annual compensation shall
12 not be adjusted by the cost of living adjustment negotiated for state employees
13 under the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The salary of members
14 shall be paid in biweekly installments. During a special session, a member is
15 entitled to \$118.00 a day for each day of a special session which is called at
16 any time following the 2005 biennial session for each day on which the house
17 of which he or she is a member shall sit.

18 Sec. 3. REPEAL

19 This act shall be repealed on January 1, 2010 so that 32 V.S.A. §§ 1051 and
20 1052 shall revert to the language as it appears prior to the effective date of this
21 act.