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7 Vernon, Winters of Williamstown and Wright of Burlington

8 Referred to Committee on

9 Date:

10 Subject: Finance; salaries; general assembly; members; cost of living
11 adjustments

12 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to: (1) repeal the cost of living
13 adjustment for members of the general assembly for the 2009–2010 legislative
14 session; and (2) impose a five-percent decrease in weekly compensation for
15 members of the general assembly for the 2009–2010 legislative session.

16 An act relating to compensation reductions for members of the General
17 Assembly

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

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

2 (a) The speaker of the house and the president pro tempore of the senate
3 shall receive annual compensation of \$10,080.00 for the 2005 biennial session
4 and thereafter to be paid in biweekly payments; provided that, beginning on
5 January 1, ~~2007~~ 2009, the annual compensation shall be ~~adjusted annually~~
6 ~~thereafter by the cost of living adjustment negotiated for state employees under~~
7 ~~the most recent collective bargaining agreement~~ \$9,943.18. In addition to the
8 annual compensation, the speaker and president pro tempore shall receive:

9 (1) \$652.00 a week for the 2005 biennial session and thereafter, to be
10 paid in biweekly payments during the regular and adjourned sessions of the
11 general assembly; provided that, beginning on January 1, ~~2007~~ 2009, the
12 weekly compensation shall be ~~adjusted annually thereafter by the cost of living~~
13 ~~adjustment negotiated for state employees under the most recent collective~~
14 ~~bargaining agreement~~ \$657.63;

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~~ 2009, 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~~ \$123.50; and

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

2 (a) Each member of the general assembly, other than the speaker and the
3 president pro tempore of the senate, is entitled to a weekly salary of \$589.00
4 for the 2005 biennial session and thereafter; provided that, beginning on
5 January 1, ~~2007~~ 2009, the weekly compensation shall be ~~adjusted annually~~
6 ~~thereafter by the cost of living adjustment negotiated for state employees under~~
7 ~~the most recent collective bargaining agreement~~ \$594.09. The salary of
8 members shall be paid in biweekly installments. During a special session, a
9 member is entitled to \$118.00 a day for each day of a special session which is
10 called at any time following the 2005 biennial session for each day on which
11 the house of which he or she is a member shall sit.

12 Sec. 3. REPEAL

13 This act shall be repealed on July 1, 2010 so that 32 V.S.A. §§ 1051 and
14 1052 shall revert to the language as it appears prior to the effective date of this
15 act, and compensation for members of the general assembly shall be
16 determined thereafter as though this act had never taken effect.