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Introduced by M. of A. FARRELL, PRETLOW -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Governmental Employees

AN ACT in relation to establishing a special commission on compensation  
for state employees designated managerial or confidential, and provid-  
ing for its powers and duties

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. (a) On the first of April of every fourth year, commencing  
2     April 1, 2013, there shall be established for such year a commission on  
3     managerial or confidential state employee compensation to examine, eval-  
4     uate and make recommendations with respect to adequate levels of compen-  
5     sation and non-salary benefits for managerial or confidential state  
6     employees. In accordance with the provisions of this section, the  
7     commission shall:  
8     (i) examine the prevailing adequacy of pay levels and non-salary bene-  
9     fits received by managerial or confidential employees of the state and  
10    determine whether any of such pay levels warrant adjustment; and  
11    (ii) determine whether, for any of the four years commencing on the  
12    first of April of such years, following the year in which the commission  
13    is established, the annual salaries for the managerial or confidential  
14    employees of the state warrant adjustment.  
15    In discharging its responsibilities under paragraphs (i) and (ii) of  
16    this subdivision, the commission shall take into account all appropriate  
17    factors including, but not limited to: the administrative withholding of  
18    managerial or confidential employee salary increases pursuant to chapter  
19    10 of the laws of 2008; the overall economic climate; rates of  
20    inflation; changes in public-sector spending; the levels of compensation  
21    and non-salary benefits received by unionized state employees; the main-  
22    tenance of or attainment of proper salary differential between supervi-  
23    sors and their subordinates; the levels of compensation and non-salary

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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benefits received by professionals in government, and academia and private and nonprofit enterprise.

(b) The commission shall consist of seven members to be appointed as follows: three shall be appointed by the governor; one shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate; one shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly; one shall be appointed by the comptroller; and one shall be appointed by the Organization of NYS Management Confidential Employees. The governor shall designate the chair of the commission from among the members so appointed. Vacancies in the commission shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments. To the extent practicable, members of the commission shall have experience in one or more of the following: determination of executive compensation, human resource administration and financial management.

(c) The commission may meet, hold public hearings and shall have all the powers of a legislative committee pursuant to the legislative law.

(d) The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties hereunder.

(e) No member of the commission shall be disqualified from holding any other public office or employment, nor shall he or she forfeit any such office or employment by reason of his or her appointment pursuant to this section, notwithstanding the provisions of any general, special or local law, regulation, ordinance or city charter.

(f) To the maximum extent feasible, the commission shall be entitled to request and receive and shall utilize and be provided with such facilities, resources and data of any court, department, division, board, bureau, commission, agency, office or public authority of the state or any political subdivision thereof as it may reasonably request to carry out properly its powers and duties pursuant to this section.

(g) The commission may request, and shall receive, reasonable assistance from state agency personnel as necessary for the performance of its functions.

(h) The commission shall make a report to the governor and the legislature of its findings, conclusions, determinations and recommendations, if any, not later than one hundred fifty days after its establishment. Each recommendation made to implement a determination pursuant to paragraph (ii) of subdivision (a) of this section shall have the force of law, and shall supersede inconsistent provisions of article 8 of the civil service law, unless modified or abrogated by statute prior to April first of the year as to which such determination applies.

(i) Upon the making of its report as provided in subdivision (h) of this section, each commission established pursuant to this section shall be deemed dissolved.

S 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of this act or of any other law, each increase in salary or compensation of any officer or employee provided by this act shall be added to the salary or compensation of such officer or employee at the beginning of that payroll period the first day of which is nearest to the effective date of such increase as provided in this act, or at the beginning of the earlier of two payroll periods the first days of which are nearest but equally near to the effective date of such increase as provided in this act; provided, however, the payment of such salary increase pursuant to this section on a date prior thereto instead of on such effective date, shall not operate to confer any additional salary rights or benefits on such officer or employee.

1       S 3. The annual salaries as prescribed pursuant to this act for state  
2 employees designated managerial or confidential whenever adjusted pursu-  
3 ant to the provisions of this act, shall be rounded up to the nearest  
4 multiple of one hundred dollars.

5       S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.