STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 2, 2026

Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to legislative compensation

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Legislative findings. The legislature finds that the duties of state legislators have expanded substantially in scope, complexity, and time commitment, effectively constituting a full-time public service role. Competitive and transparent compensation is necessary to attract qualified candidates, promote diversity of representation, and support ethical and independent governance.

§ 2. The opening paragraph of subdivision 1 of section 5 of the legislative law, as amended by chapter 841 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

Effective January first, two thousand [~~twenty-three~~] **twenty-eight**, each member of the legislature shall receive a salary of one hundred [~~forty-two~~] **eighty** thousand dollars per annum. **Beginning on the first of January in the first calendar year following the effective date of the chapter of the laws of two thousand twenty-six that amended this paragraph, and annually thereafter, such annual salary shall be adjusted for inflation. Such annual adjustment shall be equal to the percentage increase, if any, in the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U), as published by the United States bureau of labor statistics, measured over the twelve-month period ending September thirtieth of the preceding year. If such index reflects no increase or reflects a decrease, no adjustment shall be made, and compensation shall not be reduced.** Such salary of a member of the legislature shall be payable in twenty-six bi-weekly installments provided, however, that if legislative passage of the budget as defined in subdivision three of this section has not occurred prior to the first day of any fiscal year, the net amount of any such bi-weekly salary installment payments to be paid on or after such day shall be withheld and not paid until such legislative

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

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passage of the budget has occurred whereupon bi-weekly salary installment payments shall resume and an amount equal to the accrued, withheld and unpaid installments shall be promptly paid to each member.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the issuance of compensation recommendations by the New York state commission on legislative, judicial, and executive compensation.