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Senate – Text of the proposed Senate amendment (Senator Spilka) to the House Bill relative to the Compensation of Public Officials (House, No. 58)

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)  
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1           SECTION 1. Section 3 of chapter 192 of the acts of 1994, as most recently amended by  
2 section 7 of chapter 5 of the acts of 2009, is hereby further amended by striking out the words  
3 “\$46,410. The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall each  
4 receive for each regular session \$35,000 additional compensation. The chairman of the senate  
5 committee on ways and means and the chairman of the house committee on ways and means  
6 shall each receive for each regular session \$25,000 additional compensation. The floor leaders of  
7 each of the major political parties in the senate and house of representatives shall each receive  
8 for each regular session \$22,500 additional compensation. The president pro tempore of the  
9 senate, the speaker pro tempore of the house of representatives, the assistant floor leaders of each  
10 of the major political parties in the senate, the assistant floor leaders of each of the major  
11 political parties in the house of representatives, the second assistant floor leaders of each of the  
12 major political parties in the senate and house of representatives, the third assistant floor leaders  
13 of the minority party in the senate and house of representatives and of the majority party in the  
14 senate, the chairmen of each of the four divisions of the house of representatives, the chairman of  
15 the house committee on rules, the senate and house chairmen of the committee on bonding,  
16 capital expenditures and state assets, the vice chairman of the senate committee on ways and

17 means, the vice chairman of the house committee on ways and means, the ranking minority  
18 members of the house and senate committees on ways and means, the chairman of the senate  
19 committee on post audit and oversight, the chairman of the house committee on post audit and  
20 oversight, the senate and house chairmen of the committee on state administration and regulatory  
21 oversight, the senate and house chairmen of the committee on health care financing, the senate  
22 and house chairmen of the committee on financial services, and the senate and the house  
23 chairmen of the joint committee on revenue, and the senate and house chairmen of the committee  
24 on economic development and emerging technologies, shall each receive for each regular annual  
25 session \$15,000 additional compensation, and shall not receive any other additional  
26 compensation under this section. Chairmen of all other committees of the senate and the house  
27 of representatives established by the joint rules, or by the senate or house rules, the vice  
28 chairman of the house committee on rules, the ranking minority member of the house committee  
29 on rules, the vice chairman of the house committee on post audit and oversight, the assistant vice  
30 chairman of the senate committee on ways and means, the assistant vice chairman of the house  
31 committee on ways and means, the house vice chairman of the committee on financial services,  
32 the house vice chairman of the committee on health care financing, the house vice chairman of  
33 the committee on bonding, capital expenditures and state assets, the house ranking minority  
34 member of the committee on bonding, capital expenditures and state assets, the house vice  
35 chairman of the committee on state administration and regulatory oversight, the house vice  
36 chairman and the house ranking minority member of the committee on economic development  
37 and emerging technologies, the house vice chairman of the committee on revenue, and the senate  
38 and house ranking minority members of the committee on health care financing shall each  
39 receive for each regular annual session \$7,500 additional compensation for each such position.

40 Each member of the general court shall be entitled to be paid for his compensation for each such  
41 session on a bi-weekly basis.” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- \$46,410 as  
42 base compensation, as calculated biennially, as of the first Wednesday in January, 2001, pursuant  
43 to Article CXVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution.

44 SECTION 2. Chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out sections  
45 9B to 10, inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the following 3 sections:-

46 Section 9B. (a) The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of  
47 representatives shall each receive for each regular annual session, in addition to the base  
48 compensation calculated pursuant to Article CXVIII, additional regular compensation in the  
49 amount of \$80,000.

50 (b) The chair of the senate committee on ways and means and the chair of the house  
51 committee on ways and means shall each receive for each regular annual session, in addition to  
52 the base compensation calculated pursuant to Article CXVIII, additional regular compensation in  
53 the amount of \$65,000. The floor leaders of each of the major political parties in the senate and  
54 house of representatives shall each receive for each regular annual session, in addition to the base  
55 compensation calculated pursuant to Article CXVIII, additional regular compensation in the  
56 amount of \$60,000. The president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker pro tempore of the  
57 house of representatives shall each receive for each regular annual session, in addition to the base  
58 compensation calculated pursuant to Article CXVIII, additional regular compensation in the  
59 amount of \$50,000.

60 (c) The assistant floor leaders of each of the major political parties in the senate, the  
61 assistant floor leaders of each of the major political parties in the house of representatives, the

62 second assistant floor leaders of each of the major political parties in the senate and house of  
63 representatives, the third assistant floor leaders of each of the major political parties in the senate  
64 and house of representatives shall each receive for each regular annual session, in addition to the  
65 base compensation calculated pursuant to Article CXVIII, additional regular compensation in the  
66 amount of \$35,000.

67 (d) The chairs of each of the four divisions of the house of representatives, the chair of  
68 the senate committee on rules, the chair of the house committee on rules, the senate and house  
69 chairs of the committee on bonding, capital expenditures and state assets, the vice chair of the  
70 senate committee on ways and means, the vice chair of the house committee on ways and means,  
71 the ranking minority members of the house and senate committees on ways and means, the chair  
72 of the senate committee on post audit and oversight, the chair of the house committee on post  
73 audit and oversight, the chair of the senate committee on bills in the third reading, the chair of  
74 the house committee on bills in the third reading, the chair of the senate committee on steering  
75 and policy, the chair of the house committee on steering, policy and scheduling, the senate and  
76 house chairs of the committee on state administration and regulatory oversight, the senate and  
77 house chairs of the committee on health care financing, the senate and house chairs of the  
78 committee on financial services, the senate and house chairs of the committee on revenue, the  
79 senate and house chairs of the committee on economic development and emerging technologies,  
80 the senate and house chairs of the committee on the judiciary, the senate and house chairs of the  
81 committee on education, the senate and house chairs of the committee on telecommunications,  
82 utilities and energy and the senate and house chairs of the committee on transportation shall each  
83 receive for each regular annual session, in addition to the base compensation calculated pursuant  
84 to Article CXVIII, additional regular compensation in the amount of \$30,000.

85 (e) The chairs of all other committees of the senate and house of representatives  
86 established by the joint rules of the senate and house of representatives or by the rules of the  
87 senate or the rules of the house of representatives, from time to time, the vice chair of the house  
88 committee on rules, the ranking minority member of the house committee on rules, the vice chair  
89 of the house committee on post audit and oversight, the assistant vice chair of the senate  
90 committee on ways and means, the assistant vice chair of the house committee on ways and  
91 means, the assistant ranking minority member of the house committee on ways and means, the  
92 house vice chair of the committee on financial services, the ranking minority member of the  
93 house committee on financial services, the house vice chair of the committee on health care  
94 financing, the house vice chair of the committee on bonding, capital expenditures and state  
95 assets, the house ranking minority member of the committee on bonding, capital expenditures  
96 and state assets, the house vice chair of the committee on state administration and regulatory  
97 oversight, the house vice chair of the committee on economic development and emerging  
98 technologies, the ranking minority member of the house committee on economic development  
99 and emerging technologies, the vice chair of the house committee on revenue, the senate and  
100 house ranking minority members of the committee on health care financing, the house vice chair  
101 of the committee on the judiciary, the ranking minority member of the house committee on the  
102 judiciary, the house vice chair of the committee on transportation, the vice chair of the house  
103 committee on bills in the third reading, the vice chair of the house committee on steering, policy  
104 and scheduling, the house vice chair of the committee on education and the house vice chair of  
105 the committee on telecommunications, utilities and energy shall each receive for each regular  
106 annual session, in addition to the base compensation calculated pursuant to Article CXVIII,  
107 additional regular compensation in the amount of \$15,000.

108 (f) The vice chairs of all other committees of the senate and house of representatives  
109 established by the joint rules of the senate and house of representatives or by the rules of the  
110 senate or the rules of the house of representatives, from time to time, shall each receive for each  
111 regular annual session, in addition to the base compensation calculated pursuant to Article  
112 CXVIII, additional regular compensation in the amount of \$5,200. No member of the general  
113 court shall be compensated for service as chair of more than 1 committee, and no member of the  
114 general court shall be compensated for service in more than 2 positions, whether as a member of  
115 leadership or as chair, vice chair or ranking member of a committee. Each member of the general  
116 court shall be entitled to be paid that member's compensation for each session on a bi-weekly  
117 basis. Compensation shall include any amounts a member is entitled to under this section, section  
118 9C or as otherwise established by law.

119 (g) The amount of additional regular compensation established pursuant to subsections  
120 (a) through (f) of this section for each regular annual session, exclusive of the base compensation  
121 calculated pursuant to Article CXVIII, shall be adjusted biennially to reflect the aggregate  
122 quarterly change in salaries and wages in Massachusetts for the most recent eight quarters as  
123 determined by the Bureau of Economic Analysis; provided, however, that the amount of  
124 additional regular compensation for any regular annual session, exclusive of the base  
125 compensation calculated pursuant to Article CXVIII, shall not be less than that provided in  
126 subsections (a) through (f) of this section.

127 Section 9C. Each member of the general court shall annually receive an amount for  
128 expenses to be paid as follows: (i) for members whose primary residence is located at a  
129 distance that is equal to or less than 50 miles from the state house, \$15,000; and (ii) for members

130 whose primary residence is located at a distance that is greater than 50 miles from the state  
131 house, \$20,000.

132 Section 10. Each member of the general court chosen to fill a vacancy, or who resigns his  
133 seat during a regular annual session, shall be entitled to any additional compensation that a  
134 member may receive pursuant to section 9B and an allowance for expenses pursuant to section  
135 9C, pro-rated for the time of his or her membership.

136 SECTION 3. Chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section  
137 9C, as inserted by section 2 of this act, the following section:-

138 Section 9D. The president of the senate and speaker of the house of representatives shall  
139 not receive earned income from any other source, but may receive unearned or passive income.  
140 The senate and the house of representatives shall biennially adopt rules for the administration  
141 and enforcement of this provision. The house committee on ethics and the senate committee on  
142 ethics, respectively, shall have the exclusive jurisdiction for the administration and enforcement  
143 of this section.

144 SECTION 4. Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is  
145 hereby amended by striking out sections 1 and 2 and inserting in place thereof the following 2  
146 sections:-

147 Section 1. (a) The governor shall receive a salary of \$185,000 and an additional amount  
148 to be adjusted biennially to reflect the aggregate quarterly change in salaries and wages in  
149 Massachusetts for the most recent 8 quarters as determined by the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

150 (b) The governor shall receive \$65,000 annually for expenses related to housing.

151 (c) The governor shall not receive earned income from any other source, but may receive  
152 unearned or passive income.

153 Section 2. (a) The lieutenant governor shall receive a salary of \$165,000 and an  
154 additional amount to be adjusted biennially to reflect the aggregate quarterly change in salaries  
155 and wages in Massachusetts for the most recent 8 quarters as determined by the Bureau of  
156 Economic Analysis.

157 (b) The lieutenant governor shall not receive earned income from any other source, but  
158 may receive unearned or passive income.

159 SECTION 5. Chapter 9 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
160 striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-.

161 Section 1. (a) There shall be a department of the state secretary under his supervision and  
162 control, organized as provided in this chapter. The state secretary shall make a quarterly return  
163 on oath to the governor of all fees of office received by him, and give to the state treasurer a  
164 bond, in a penal sum and with sureties approved by the governor, conditioned satisfactorily to  
165 account for all money received by him in his official capacity. The state secretary shall receive a  
166 salary of \$165,000, and an additional amount to be adjusted biennially to reflect the aggregate  
167 quarterly change in salaries and wages in Massachusetts for the most recent 8 quarters as  
168 determined by the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

169 (b) The state secretary shall not receive earned income from any other source, but may  
170 receive unearned or passive income.



171 SECTION 6. Chapter 10 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
172 striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

173 Section 1. (a) There shall be a department of the state treasurer, under his supervision and  
174 control, organized as provided in this chapter. The state treasurer shall receive a salary of  
175 \$175,000, and an additional amount to be adjusted biennially to reflect the aggregate quarterly  
176 change in salaries and wages in Massachusetts for the most recent 8 quarters as determined by  
177 the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

178 (b) The state treasurer shall not receive earned income from any other source, but may  
179 receive unearned or passive income.

180 SECTION 7. Chapter 11 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
181 striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

182 Section 1. (a) There shall be a department to be known as the department of the state  
183 auditor under his supervision and control, organized as provided in this chapter. The state auditor  
184 shall receive a salary of \$165,000 and an additional amount to be adjusted biennially to reflect  
185 the aggregate quarterly change in salaries and wages in Massachusetts for the most recent 8  
186 quarters as determined by the Bureau of Economic Analysis. The state auditor shall give to the  
187 state treasurer a bond for the faithful performance of his official duties in a penal sum and with  
188 sureties approved by the governor and council.

189 (b) The state auditor shall not receive earned income from any other source, but may  
190 receive unearned or passive income.

191 SECTION 8. Chapter 12 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
192 striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

193 Section 1. (a) There shall be a department of the attorney general, under his supervision  
194 and control, organized as provided in this chapter. The attorney general shall receive a salary of  
195 \$175,000 and an additional amount to be adjusted biennially to reflect the aggregate quarterly  
196 change in salaries and wages in Massachusetts for the most recent 8 quarters as determined by  
197 the Bureau of Economic Analysis. The attorney general shall be a member of the bar of the  
198 commonwealth.

199 (b) The attorney general shall not receive earned income from any other source, but may  
200 receive unearned or passive income.

201 SECTION 9. Section 22 of chapter 211 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
202 amended by striking out, in line 1, the figure, “\$181,239” and inserting in place thereof the  
203 following figure:- \$187,489.

204 SECTION 10. Said section 22 of said chapter 211 is hereby further amended by striking  
205 out the figure “\$187,489”, inserted by section 9, and inserting in place thereof the following  
206 figure:-\$193,739.

207 SECTION 11. Said section 22 of said chapter 211 is hereby further amended by striking  
208 out the figure “\$193,739”, inserted by section 10, and inserting in place thereof the following  
209 figure:- \$199,989.

210 SECTION 12. Said section 22 of said chapter 211 is hereby further amended by striking  
211 out the figure “\$199,989”, inserted by section 11, and inserting in place thereof the following  
212 figure:- \$206,239.

213 SECTION 13. Said section 22 of said chapter 211 is hereby further amended by striking  
214 out, in line 2, the figure “\$175,984” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-  
215 \$182,234 .

216 SECTION 14. Said section 22 of said chapter 211 is hereby further amended by striking  
217 out the figure “\$182,234”, inserted by section 13, and inserting in place thereof the following  
218 figure:- \$188,484.

219 SECTION 15. Said section 22 of said chapter 211 is hereby further amended by striking  
220 out the figure “\$188,484”, inserted by section 14, and inserting in place thereof the following  
221 figure:- \$194,734.

222 SECTION 16. Said section 22 of said chapter 211 is hereby further amended by striking  
223 out the figure “\$194,734”, inserted by section 15, and inserting in place thereof the following  
224 figure:- \$200,984.

225 SECTION 17. Section 2 of chapter 211A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
226 amended by striking out, in line 1, the figure “\$170,358”, and inserting in place thereof the  
227 following figure:- \$176,608. .

228 SECTION 18. Said section 2 of said chapter 211A is hereby further amended by striking  
229 out the figure “\$176,608”, inserted by section 17, and inserting in place thereof the following  
230 figure:- \$182,858.

231 SECTION 19. Said section 2 of said chapter 211A is hereby further amended by striking  
232 out the figure “\$182,858”, inserted by section 18, and inserting in place thereof the following  
233 figure:- \$189,108.

234 SECTION 20. Said section 2 of said chapter 211A is hereby further amended by striking  
235 out the figure “\$189,108”, inserted by section 19, and inserting in place thereof the following  
236 figure:- \$195,358.

237 SECTION 21. Said section 2 of said chapter 211A is hereby further amended by striking  
238 out, in line 2, the figure “\$165,087” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-  
239 \$171,337.

240 SECTION 22. Said section 2 of said chapter 211A is hereby further amended by striking  
241 out the figure “\$171,337”, inserted by section 21, and inserting in place thereof the following  
242 figure:- \$177,587.

243 SECTION 23. Said section 2 of said chapter 211A is hereby further amended by striking  
244 out the figure “\$177,587”, inserted by section 22, and inserting in place thereof the following  
245 figure:- \$183,837.

246 SECTION 24. Said section 2 of said chapter 211A is hereby further amended by striking  
247 out the figure “\$183,837”, inserted by section 23, and inserting in place thereof the following  
248 figure:- \$190,087.

249 SECTION 25 . Section 4 of chapter 211B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
250 amended by striking out, in line 3 ,the figure “\$159,694”, and inserting in place thereof the  
251 following figure:- \$165,944 .

252 SECTION 26. Said section 4 of said chapter 211B is hereby further amended by striking  
253 out the figure “\$165,944”, inserted by section 25, and inserting in place thereof the following  
254 figure:- \$172,194.

255 SECTION 27. Said section 4 of said chapter 211B is hereby further amended by striking  
256 out the figure “\$172,194”, inserted by section 26, and inserting in place thereof the following  
257 figure:- \$178,444.

258 SECTION 28. Said section 4 of said chapter 211B is hereby further amended by striking  
259 out the figure “\$178,444”, inserted by section 27, and inserting in place thereof the following  
260 figure:- \$184,694.

261 SECTION 29. Said section 4 of said chapter 211B is hereby further amended by striking  
262 out, in line 5, the figure “\$165,124”, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-  
263 \$171,374 .

264 SECTION 30. Said section 4 of said chapter 211B is hereby further amended by striking  
265 out the figure “\$171,374”, inserted by section 29, and inserting in place thereof the following  
266 figure:- \$177,624.

267 SECTION 31. Said section 4 of said chapter 211B is hereby further amended by striking  
268 out the figure “\$177,624”, inserted by section 30, and inserting in place thereof the following  
269 figure:- \$183,874.

270 SECTION 32. Said section 4 of said chapter 211B is hereby further amended by striking  
271 out the figure “\$183,874”, inserted by section 31, and inserting in place thereof the following  
272 figure:- \$190,124.

273 SECTION 33. Said section 4 of said chapter 211B is hereby further amended by striking  
274 out, in line 7, the figure “\$170,358”, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-  
275 \$176,878 .”

276 SECTION 34. Said section 4 of said chapter 211B is hereby further amended by striking  
277 out the figure “\$176,878”, inserted by section 33, and inserting in place thereof the following  
278 figure:- \$183,128.

279 SECTION 35. Said section 4 of said chapter 211B is hereby further amended by striking  
280 out the figure “\$183,128”, inserted by section 34, and inserting in place thereof the following  
281 figure:- \$189,378.

282 SECTION 36. Said section 4 of said chapter 211B is hereby further amended by striking  
283 out the figure “\$189,378”, inserted by section 35, and inserting in place thereof the following  
284 figure:- \$195,628.

285 SECTION 37. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the amount  
286 of compensation established pursuant to subsections (a) through (f) of section 9B of chapter 3 of  
287 the General Laws for each regular annual session of the General Court shall be adjusted on  
288 January 2, 2019, and biennially thereafter on the first Wednesday in January, to reflect the  
289 aggregate quarterly change in salaries and wages in Massachusetts for the most recent eight  
290 quarters as determined by the Bureau of Economic Analysis; provided, however, that the amount  
291 of additional regular compensation for any regular annual session of the General Court shall not  
292 be less than provided in subsections (a) through (e) of said section 9B of said chapter 3.

293 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the amount received by  
294 members of the General Court for each regular annual session of the General Court for expenses

295 pursuant to section 9C of chapter 3 of the General Laws shall be adjusted on January 2, 2019,  
296 and biennially thereafter on the first Wednesday in January, to reflect the aggregate quarterly  
297 change in salaries and wages in Massachusetts for the most recent eight quarters as determined  
298 by the Bureau of Economic Analysis; provided, however, that the amount for each regular annual  
299 session of the General Court for expenses shall not be less than provided in subsections (a)  
300 through (e) of said section 9C of said chapter 3.

301 (c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the amount of  
302 compensation established pursuant to section 1 of chapter 6 of the General Laws, section 2 of  
303 said chapter 6 of the General Laws, section 1 of chapter 9 of the General Laws, section 1 of  
304 chapter 10 of the General Laws, section 1 of chapter 11 of the General Laws, and section 1 of  
305 chapter 12 of the General Laws shall be adjusted on January 1, 2019, and biennially thereafter on  
306 January 1, to reflect the aggregate quarterly change in salaries and wages in Massachusetts for  
307 the most recent eight quarters as determined by the Bureau of Economic Analysis; provided,  
308 however, that the amount of compensation pursuant to said section 1 of said chapter 6, said  
309 section 2 of said chapter 6, said section 1 of said chapter 9, said section 1 of said chapter 10, said  
310 section 1 of said chapter 11 and said section 1 of said chapter 12 shall not be less than provided  
311 in said section 1 of said chapter 6, said section 2 of said chapter 6, said section 1 of said chapter  
312 9, said section 1 of said chapter 10, said section 1 of said chapter 11 and said section 1 of said  
313 chapter 12.

314 (d) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the amount annually  
315 received by governor for expenses related to housing pursuant to section 1A of chapter 6 of the  
316 General Laws shall be adjusted on January 1, 2019, and biennially thereafter on January 1,  
317 adjusted biennially to reflect the aggregate quarterly change in salaries and wages in

318 Massachusetts for the most recent eight quarters as determined by the Bureau of Economic  
319 Analysis; provided, however, that the annual amount shall not be less than provided in said  
320 section 1A of said chapter 6.

321 SECTION 38. Sections 1 and 2 and subsections (a) and (b) of section 33 of this act shall  
322 take effect on January 4, 2017.

323 SECTION 39. Section 3 of this act shall take effect on August 1, 2017.

324 SECTION 40. Subsection (c) of section 1 and subsection (b) of section 2 of chapter 6 of  
325 the General Laws, as inserted by section 4 of this act, shall take effect on August 1, 2017.

326 SECTION 41. Subsection (b) of section 1 of chapter 9 of the general laws, as inserted by  
327 section 5 of this act, shall take effect on August 1, 2017.

328 SECTION 42. Subsection (b) of section 1 of chapter 10 of the general laws, as inserted  
329 by section 6 of this act, shall take effect on August 1, 2017.

330 SECTION 43. Subsection (b) of section 1 of chapter 11 of the general laws, as inserted  
331 by section 7 of this act, shall take effect on August 1, 2017.

332 SECTION 44. Subsection (b) of section 1 of chapter 12 of the general laws, as inserted  
333 by section 8 of this act, shall take effect on August 1, 2017.

334 SECTION 45. Sections 4 through 8 and subsections (c) and (d) of section 37 of this act  
335 shall take effect on January 1, 2017.

336 SECTION 46. Sections 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29 and 33 shall take effect on January 1, 2017.

337 SECTION 47. Sections 10, 14, 18, 22, 26, 30 and 34 shall take effect on July 1, 2017.



338 SECTION 48. Sections 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, 31 and 35 shall take effect on January 1, 2018.

339 SECTION 49. Sections 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32 and 36 shall take effect on July 1, 2018.

340 SECTION 50. Except as otherwise specified, this act shall take effect on February 1,

341 2017.