

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*None*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to strengthen representation and promote democratic, transparent, and efficient lawmaking.

PETITION OF:

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

An Act to strengthen representation and promote democratic, transparent, and efficient lawmaking.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 9B, as  
2 appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following new section:-

3 Section 9B.

4 (a) The president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall each  
5 receive for each regular annual session additional regular compensation equal to 75% of the  
6 amount calculated pursuant to Article CXVIII.

7 (b) The chair of the senate committee on ways and means, the chair of the house  
8 committee on ways and means, and the floor leader of each of the major political parties in the  
9 senate and house of representatives shall each receive for each regular annual session additional  
10 regular compensation equal to 50% of the amount calculated pursuant to Article CXVIII.

11 (c) The assistant floor leader and the second assistant floor leader of each of the major  
12 political parties in the senate and house of representatives, the third assistant floor leader of the

13 minority party in the senate and the house of representatives, the vice chair of the senate  
14 committee on ways and means, the vice chair of the house committee on ways and means, the  
15 ranking minority member of the senate committees on ways and means, and the ranking minority  
16 member of the house committees on ways and means shall each receive for each regular annual  
17 session additional regular compensation equal to 33% of the amount calculated pursuant to  
18 Article CXVIII.

19 (d) The senate chair and the house chair of committees established by the joint rules of  
20 the senate and house of representatives to which more than fifty petitions are referred by the  
21 senate and the house of representatives before March 1 of the first year of a biennial session of  
22 the general court shall each receive for each regular annual session additional regular  
23 compensation equal to 33% of the amount calculated pursuant to Article CXVIII.

24 (e) Senators receiving additional regular compensation pursuant to subsection (b) or (c)  
25 of this section who are members of one or more committees the chairs of which are eligible to be  
26 paid additional regular compensation pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, senators  
27 receiving additional regular compensation pursuant to subsection (d) of this section who are  
28 members of more than one committee the chairs of which are eligible to be paid additional  
29 regular compensation pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, and representatives receiving no  
30 additional regular compensation pursuant to subsections (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this section who are  
31 members of one or more committees the chairs of which are eligible to be paid additional regular  
32 compensation pursuant to subsection (d) of this section shall each receive for each regular annual  
33 session additional regular compensation equal to 20% of the amount calculated pursuant to  
34 Article CXVIII; provided further that senators receiving no additional regular compensation  
35 pursuant to subsections (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this section who are members of more than four

36 committees the chairs of which are eligible to be paid additional regular compensation pursuant  
37 to subsection (d) of this section shall each receive for each regular annual session additional  
38 regular compensation equal to 40% of the amount calculated pursuant to Article CXVIII;  
39 provided however that no senator shall receive additional regular compensation for service in  
40 more than 2 positions and no representative shall receive additional regular compensation for  
41 service in more than 1 position.

42 (f) Except as otherwise provided in this section, each member of the general court shall  
43 be paid that member's compensation for each session on a bi-weekly basis. Compensation shall  
44 include any amounts a member is entitled to pursuant to Article CXVIII, this section, section 9C  
45 or as otherwise established by law.

46 (g) Each member of the general court receiving additional regular compensation pursuant  
47 to subsections (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this section shall be paid 50% of that member's additional  
48 regular compensation for each session on a bi-weekly basis.

49 (h)(1) Upon certification by the clerk of the senate and the clerk of the house of  
50 representatives pursuant to subsection (i)(1) of this section, each member of the general court  
51 receiving additional regular compensation pursuant to subsection (d) of this section shall be paid  
52 50% of that member's additional regular compensation for the first year of a biennial session of  
53 the general court in the last bi-weekly payment in such year.

54 (2) Upon certification by the clerk of the senate and the clerk of the house of  
55 representatives pursuant to subsection (i)(2) of this section, each member of the general court  
56 receiving additional regular compensation pursuant to subsection (d) of this section shall be paid

57 50% of that member's additional regular compensation for the second year of a biennial session  
58 of the general court in the last bi-weekly payment in such year.

59 (i)(1) On the third Monday in December of the first year of a biennial session of the  
60 general court, the clerk of the senate and the clerk of the house of representatives shall jointly  
61 examine the records of each committee the chairs of which are eligible to be paid additional  
62 regular compensation pursuant to subsection (d) of this section. For each such committee, if the  
63 records document that as of that date the committee has held a public hearing and a public mark-  
64 up session on each bill referred to it before November 1 of such year and that every report filed  
65 by the committee has been approved by a vote of a majority of the members of the committee at  
66 a public meeting at which a quorum was present, the clerk of the senate and the clerk of the  
67 house of representatives shall so certify jointly. Such certification shall constitute the  
68 certification required pursuant to subsection (h)(1) of this section to pay additional regular  
69 compensation pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

70 (2) On the last Friday in May of the second year of a biennial session of the general court,  
71 the clerk of the senate and the clerk of the house of representatives shall jointly examine the  
72 records of committees the chairs of which are eligible to be paid additional regular compensation  
73 pursuant to subsection (d) of this section. For each such committee, if the records document that  
74 the committee has held a public hearing and a public mark-up session on each bill referred to it  
75 before April 15 of such year and has filed a report on each such bill approved by a vote of a  
76 majority of the members of the committee at a public meeting at which a quorum was present,  
77 the clerk of the senate and the clerk of the house of representatives shall so certify jointly. Such  
78 certification shall constitute the certification required pursuant to subsection (h)(2) of this section  
79 to pay additional regular compensation pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

80           (3) On each of the dates specified in subsections (i)(1) and (i)(2) of this section, the clerk  
81 of the senate and the clerk of the house of representatives shall calculate a compliance rate for  
82 each of the first year and the second year of a biennial session of the general court. For purposes  
83 of this subsection, the compliance rate for each such year is defined as the percentage of  
84 committees the chairs of which are eligible to be paid additional regular compensation pursuant  
85 to subsection (d) of this section for which the clerk of the senate and the clerk of the house of  
86 representatives have issued a certification for such year pursuant to subsection (h)(1) or (h)(2) of  
87 this section.

88           (j) Each member of the general court receiving additional regular compensation pursuant  
89 to subsections (a), (b) or (c) of this section shall be paid in the last bi-weekly payment in each  
90 regular annual session the percentage of that member's additional regular compensation for each  
91 session equal to 50% multiplied by the compliance rate as defined in subsection (i)(3) of this  
92 section.

93           (k) Each member of the general court who serves in a position for which additional  
94 regular compensation is paid pursuant to this section for a period less than an entire biennial  
95 session of the general court shall receive such additional regular compensation prorated for the  
96 time of that person's service in that position.