

The Pennsylvania House and Senate passed Act 44 at 2 a.m., July 7, 2005, increasing the salaries of officials in all three branches of government without public hearings, public debate or public knowledge.

As a result of public pressure, the General Assembly passed, and Gov. Edward Rendell signed Act 72 of 2005 repealing the raise on November 16, 2005. Act 72, however, did not require those who had received increased salaries to return the funds.

In total, 158 lawmakers at some point accepted the raise. Numerous legislators have opted not to repay the “unvouchered expenses” or donated the money to charity. In addition to the immediate salary increase, legislators who accepted the raise and refuse to return it will also receive a pension bump upon retirement or defeat at the polls.

**The average pay increases are:**

| Position                      | Original Salary | New Salary | Increase (%) |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|
| Rank and file                 | \$69,648        | \$ 81,050  | 16           |
| Subcommittee                  | \$69,648        | \$ 85,102  | 22           |
| Committee chair or vice chair | \$69,648        | \$ 89,155  | 28           |

**In the Pennsylvania House, 15 members in leadership posts took the pay raise. Their compensation changes are:**

| Leader                          | Old Salary   | New Salary   | Increase (%) | Pension Increase |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| David Argall, R-Berks           | \$93,373.82  | \$124,788.48 | 34           |                  |
| Fred Belard D-Lackawana         | \$79,417.61  | \$106,986    | 35           |                  |
| Kevin Blaum D-Luzerne           | \$79,417.61  | \$106,986 35 | 35           |                  |
| Raymond Bunt R-Montgomery       | \$79,417.61  | \$106,986    | 35           |                  |
| Mario Civera R-Delaware         | \$79,417.61  | \$106,986    | 35           |                  |
| Mark Cohen D-Philadelphia       | \$84,441.13  | \$115,544.88 | 37           |                  |
| Bill DeWeese, D-Beaver          | \$100,910.58 | \$134,771.52 | 34           | \$3,386.00       |
| Dwight Evans D-Philadelphia     | \$93,373.82  | \$124,788.48 | 34           |                  |
| Brett Feese R-Lycoming          | \$93,373.82  | \$124,788.48 | 34           |                  |
| John Perzel, R-Philadelphia     | \$108,724.46 | \$145,553.28 | 34           | \$3403.12        |
| Merle Phillips R-Northumberland | \$79,417.61  | \$106,986    | 35           |                  |
| Sam Smith R-Indiana             | \$100,910.58 | \$134,771.52 | 34           |                  |
| Stephen Stetler, D-York         | \$79,417.61  | \$106,986    | 35           | \$2,183.49       |
| Elinor Taylor, R-Chester        | \$84,441.13  | \$115,544.88 | 37           | \$9,500.00       |
| Mike Veon, D-Green              | \$93,373.82  | \$124,788.48 | 34           | \$2,280.74       |

**An additional 17 members voted “No” on the pay raise legislation but accepted the additional income. They include:**

| Member                        | Old Salary | New Salary | Increase (%) |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Gibson Armstrong, R-Lancaster | \$69,648   | \$ 85,102  | 22           |
| Teresa Forcier, R-Crawford    | \$69,648   | \$ 89,155  | 28           |
| Will Gabig, R-Cumberland      | \$69,648   | \$ 85,102  | 22           |
| Jeffrey Habay, R-Allegheny    | \$69,648   | \$ 85,102  | 22           |
| Beverly Mackereth, R-York     | \$69,648   | \$ 85,102  | 22           |

|                              |          |           |    |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------|----|
| Jess Stairs, R-Fayette       | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Marc Gergely, D-Allegheny    | \$69,648 | \$ 81,050 | 16 |
| Gary Haluska, D-Cambria      | \$69,648 | \$ 81,050 | 16 |
| Mike Hanna, D-Centre         | \$69,648 | \$ 81,050 | 16 |
| John Myers, D-Philadelphia   | \$69,648 | \$ 81,050 | 16 |
| Joe Petrarca, D-Westmoreland | \$69,648 | \$ 81,050 | 16 |
| Sean Ramaley, D-Beaver       | \$69,648 | \$ 81,050 | 16 |
| Doug Reichley, R-Lehigh      | \$69,648 | \$ 81,050 | 16 |
| Chris Sainato, D-Lawrence    | \$69,648 | \$ 81,050 | 16 |
| James Shaner, D-Fayette      | \$69,648 | \$ 81,050 | 16 |
| John Siptroth, D-Monroe      | \$69,648 | \$ 81,050 | 16 |
| John Yudichak, D-Luzerne     | \$69,648 | \$ 81,050 | 16 |

**Rank and file members who accepted the raise increased their pay from \$69,647.64 to \$81,050.04. They are:**

| Member                       | Old Salary | New Salary | Increase (%) |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Roy Baldwin R-Lancaster      | \$69,648   | \$ 81,050  | 16           |
| Steve Cappelli R-Lycoming    | \$69,648   | \$ 81,050  | 16           |
| Sue Cornell R-Montgomery     | \$69,648   | \$ 81,050  | 16           |
| Tom Corrigan R-Bucks         | \$69,648   | \$ 81,050  | 16           |
| Paul Costa D-Allegheny       | \$69,648   | \$ 81,050  | 16           |
| Lawrence Curry D-Montgomery  | \$69,648   | \$ 81,050  | 16           |
| Jackie Crahalla R-Montgomery | \$69,648   | \$ 81,050  | 16           |
| Angel Cruz D-Philadelphia    | \$69,648   | \$ 81,050  | 16           |
| John Evans R-Erie            | \$69,648   | \$ 81,050  | 16           |
| Marc Gergely R-Allegheny     | \$69,648   | \$ 81,050  | 16           |
| Matt Good R-Erie             | \$69,648   | \$ 81,050  | 16           |
| Gary Haluska D-Cambria       | \$69,648   | \$ 81,050  | 16           |
| Mike Hanna R-Centre          | \$69,648   | \$ 81,050  | 16           |
| Adam Harris R-Snyder         | \$69,648   | \$ 81,050  | 16           |
| Tom Killion R-Delaware       | \$69,648   | \$ 81,050  | 16           |
| Gene McGill R-Montgomery     | \$69,648   | \$ 81,050  | 16           |
| Mark Mustio R-Allegheny      | \$69,648   | \$ 81,050  | 16           |
| John Myers D-Philadelphia    | \$69,648   | \$ 81,050  | 16           |
| Joe Petrarca D-Westmoreland  | \$69,648   | \$ 81,050  | 16           |
| Sean Ramaley D-Beaver        | \$69,648   | \$ 81,050  | 16           |
| Doug Reichley R-Lehigh       | \$69,648   | \$ 81,050  | 16           |
| Chris Sainato D-Lawrence     | \$69,648   | \$ 81,050  | 16           |
| James Shaner D-Fayette       | \$69,648   | \$ 81,050  | 16           |
| John Siptroth D-Monroe       | \$69,648   | \$ 81,050  | 16           |

**The 48 members holding subcommittee chair and vice-chair positions who took the raise increased their salaries from \$69,647.64 to \$85,102.56. They are:**

| Member                       | Old Salary | New Salary | Increase (%) |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Matt Baker R-Bradford        | \$69,648   | \$ 85,102  | 22           |
| Steve Barrar R-Delaware      | \$69,648   | \$ 85,102  | 22           |
| Linda Bebkco-Jones D-Erie    | \$69,648   | \$ 85,102  | 22           |
| Louise Bishop D-Philadelphia | \$69,648   | \$ 85,102  | 22           |

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|----------------------------------|----------|-----------|----|
| Tommie Blackwell D-Philadelphia  | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Alan Butkovitz D-Philadelphia    | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Ron Buxton D-Dauphin             | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Frank Dermody D-Allegheny        | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Todd Eachus D-Luzerne            | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| John R. Evans R-Erie             | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| John Fichter R-Montgomery        | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Patrick Fleagle R-Franklin       | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Teresa Forcier R-Crawford        | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Will Gabig R-Cumberland          | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Neal Goodman D-Schuylkill        | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Jeff Habay R-Allegheny           | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Tim Hennessey R-Chester          | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Harold James D-Philadelphia      | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Bill Keller D-Philadelphia       | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Thaddeus Kirkland D-Delaware     | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Daylin Leach D-Montgomery        | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Marie Lederer D-Philadelphia     | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Steve Maitland R-Adams           | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Sandra Major R-Wayne             | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Beverly Mackereth R-York         | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Mike McGeehan D-Philadelphia     | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Mark McNaughton R-Dauphin        | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Sheila Miller R-Berks            | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Phyllis Mundy D-Luzerne          | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Tina Pickett R-Susquehanna       | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Larry Roberts D-Fayette          | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| T.J. Rooney D-Northampton        | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Ken Ruffing D-Allegheny          | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Dante Santoni D-Berks            | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Mario Scavello R-Monroe          | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Larry Sather R-Blair             | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Curt Schroder R-Chester          | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Tim Solobay D-Washington         | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Curtis Thomas D-Philadelphia     | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Don Walko D-Allegheny            | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Jim Wansacz D-Lackawanna         | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Ron Waters D-Philadelphia        | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Jake Wheatley D-Allegheny        | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Jewel Williams D-Philadelphia    | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Matt Wright R-Bucks              | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Rosita Youngblood D-Philadelphia | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |
| Peter Zug R-Lebanon              | \$69,648 | \$ 85,102 | 22 |

**The 44 committee chairs who accepted the raise increased their salaries from \$69,647.64 to \$89,154. They are:**

| <b>Member</b>           | <b>Old Salary</b> | <b>New Salary</b> | <b>Increase (%)</b> |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Bob Allen, R-Schuylkill | \$69,648          | \$ 89,155         | 28                  |

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|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|----|
| Bob Belfanti, D-Columbia        | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Jerry Birmelin, R-Wayne         | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Tom Caltagirone, D-Berks        | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Gaynor Cawley, D-Lackawanna     | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Peter, Daley, D-Washington      | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Bob, Donatucci, D-Philadelphia  | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Russ Fairchild, R-Union         | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Robert Flick, R-Chester         | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Tom Gannon, R-Delaware          | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Rick Geist, R-Blair             | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Bud George, D-Clearfield        | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Bob Godshall, R-Montgomery      | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Mike Gruitza, D-Westmoreland    | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| George Hasay, R-Luzerne         | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Lynn Herman, R-Centre           | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Art Hershey, R-Chester          | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Dick Hess, R-Fulton             | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Babette Josephs, D-Philadelphia | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| George Kenney, D-Philadelphia   | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Frank LaGrotta, D-Beaver        | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Dennis Leh, R-Berks             | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Vic Lescovitz, D-Allegheny      | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Joe Markosek, D-Westmoreland    | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Keith McCall, D-Carbon          | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Nick Micozzie, R-Delaware       | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Denny O'Brien, R-Philadelphia   | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Frank Oliver, D-Philadelphia    | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Tom Petrone, D-Allegheny        | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Frank Pistella, D-Allegheny     | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Joe Preston, D-Allegheny        | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Ron, Raymond, R-Delaware        | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Bill, Rieger, D-Philadelphia    | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| James, Roebuck, D-Philadelphia  | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Paul Semmel, R-Berks            | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Bruce Smith, R-York             | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Edward Staback, D-Lackawanna    | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Jess Stairs, R-Westmoreland     | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Tom Stevenson, R-Allegheny      | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Mike Sturla, D-Lancaster        | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Dan Surra, D-Clearfield         | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| John Taylor, R-Philadelphia     | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |
| Tom Tigue, D-Luzerne            | \$69,648 | \$ 89,155 | 28 |

**Seventy-one members did not accept the raise. Their salary remains \$69,648.**

**They are:**

| <b>Member</b>                | <b>Old Salary</b> | <b>New Salary</b> | <b>Increase (%)</b> |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Kerry Benninghoff, R-Mifflin | \$69,648          | \$69,648          | 0                   |
| Karen Beyer, R-Lehigh        | \$69,648          | \$69,648          | 0                   |

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|---------------------------------|----------|----------|---|
| Vince Biancucci, D-Beaver       | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Scott Boyd, R-Lancaster         | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| James Casorio, D-Westmoreland   | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Martin Causer, R-McKean         | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Paul Clymer, R-Bucks            | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Tom Creighton, R-Lancaster      | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Craig, Dally, R-Northampton     | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Tony, DeLuca, D-Allegheny       | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Gordon, Denlinger, R-Lancaster  | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Gene, DiGirolamo, R-Bucks       | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Mike, Diven, R-Allegheny        | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Brian Ellis, R-Butler           | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Florindo Fabrizio, D-Erie       | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Dan Frankel, D-Allegheny        | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Robert Freeman, D-Northampton   | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Michael Gerber, D-Montgomery    | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Keith Gillespie, R-York         | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Mauree Gingrich, R-Lebanon      | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Glen Grell, R-Cumberland        | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Richard Grucela, D-Northampton  | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| R. Ted Harhai, D-Westmoreland   | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Julie Harhart, R-Lehigh         | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Kate Harper, R-Montgomery       | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Dave Hickernell, R-Lancaster    | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Scott Hutchinson, R-Venango     | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Rob Kauffman, R-Franklin        | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Mark Keller, R-Perry            | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Nick Kotik, D-Allegheny         | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| David Levdansky, D-Allegheny    | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| John Maher, R-Allegheny         | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Kathy Manderino, D-Philadelphia | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Jennifer Mann, D-Northampton    | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Ron Marsico, R-Dauphin          | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Fred McIlhattan, R-Armstrong    | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Chuck McIlhinney, R-Bucks       | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Tony Melio, D-Bucks             | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Darryl Metcalfe, R-Indiana      | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Dave Millard, R-Columbia        | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Ron Miller, R-York              | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Jerry Nailor, R-Cumberland      | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Steve Nickol, R-York            | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Bernie O'Neill R-Bucks          | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| John Pallone R-Armstrong        | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Jon Payne R-Dauphin             | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Scott Petri R-Bucks             | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Jeffrey Pyle R-Armstrong        | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Tom Quigley R-Montgomery        | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Kathy Rapp R-Warren             | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |

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|-------------------------------|----------|----------|---|
| Harry Readshaw D-Allegheny    | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Dave Reed R-Indiana           | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Sam Rohrer R-Berks            | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Chris Ross R-Chester          | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Carole Rubley R-Chester       | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Steve Samuelson D-Northampton | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Stan Saylor R-York            | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Dave Steil R-Bucks            | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Josh Shapiro D-Montgomery     | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Curt Sonney R-Erie            | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Jerry Stern R-Blair           | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Dick Stevenson R-Armstrong    | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Tom Tangretti D-Westmoreland  | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Katie True R-Lancaster        | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Mike Turzai R-Allegheny       | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Greg Vitali D-Delaware        | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Katharine Watson R-Bucks      | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Rod Wilt R-Mercer             | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Ed Wojnarowski D-Cambria      | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |
| Tom Yewcic D-Cambria          | \$69,648 | \$69,648 | 0 |