

By Representative Sorensen

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to compensation of legislators;  
3           amending s. 11.13, F.S.; reducing the  
4           compensation of legislators for a specified  
5           period; providing for future repeal of such  
6           reduction; providing an effective date.

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8           WHEREAS, the terrorist attacks on the World Trade  
9           Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.,  
10          on September 11, 2001, have unfortunately accelerated and  
11          deepened a downturn in the national economy which has affected  
12          not only other national economies around the world but also  
13          local economies across this country, especially the economies  
14          of states like Florida which are dependent upon tourism for a  
15          significant portion of their revenues, and

16          WHEREAS, this economic downturn has forced some  
17          businesses in the state and around the country to downsize or  
18          restructure to remain viable and this reduction or  
19          restructuring has led to reductions in pay and benefits for  
20          some employees and layoffs for others, and

21          WHEREAS, this economic downturn has led to concomitant  
22          reductions and restructuring in the public sector as well, and

23          WHEREAS, accordingly, it is the intent of the members  
24          of the Legislature to join our fellow citizens in this state  
25          and across the country in doing our part not only to economize  
26          and help restore the state and national economies but more  
27          significantly to show our solidarity and resolve as a people  
28          in the face of the despicable assault of September 11th on our  
29          nation and way of life, NOW, THEREFORE,

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31   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

1           Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 11.13, Florida  
2 Statutes, is amended to read:

3           11.13 Compensation of members.--

4           (1)(a) The annual salaries of members of the Senate  
5 and House of Representatives, payable in 12 equal monthly  
6 installments, shall be:

7           1. The President of the Senate and Speaker of the  
8 House of Representatives, \$25,000 each.

9           2. All other members of the Senate and House of  
10 Representatives, \$18,000 each.

11           (b) Effective July 1, 1986, and each July 1  
12 thereafter, the annual salaries of members of the Senate and  
13 House of Representatives shall be adjusted by the average  
14 percentage increase in the salaries of state career service  
15 employees for the fiscal year just concluded. The  
16 Appropriations Committee of each house shall certify to the  
17 Office of Legislative Services the average percentage increase  
18 in the salaries of state career service employees before July  
19 1 of each year. The Office of Legislative Services shall, as  
20 of July 1 of each year, determine the adjusted annual salaries  
21 as provided herein.

22           (c) For the 2002-2003 fiscal year only, the annual  
23 compensation provided to members of the Senate and House of  
24 Representatives pursuant to this subsection shall be an amount  
25 equal to the annual salary established pursuant to paragraphs  
26 (a) and (b) minus 5 percent. This paragraph is repealed July  
27 1, 2003.

28           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.  
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HOUSE SUMMARY

Reduces the annual compensation of legislators by 5 percent for fiscal year 2002-2003.