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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 8175**

**BILL NUMBER: HB 1871**

**DATE PREPARED:** Jan 21, 1999

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Public Officers Salary Commission.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes the Public Officers Salary Commission consisting of seven members. It authorizes the Commission to adopt administrative rules to govern the proceedings of the commission and to set the salaries of: (1) members of the General Assembly; (2) the Governor and other elected public officers in the executive branch of state government; and (3) the justices of the Indiana Supreme Court, the judges of the Indiana Court of Appeals, the judge of the Indiana Tax Court, and the judges of the circuit, superior, and county courts of Indiana.

It provides that the General Assembly retains authority to establish salaries by statute and to void a salary rule of the Commission. It provides for the salary of public officers if the General Assembly voids a salary rule of the Commission or repeals a statute setting the salary of a public officer. It removes current salaries of public officers in the judicial branch from statute. It repeals current statutes setting the salaries of members of the General Assembly and public officers in the executive branch. It also makes certain other changes.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 1999; January 1, 2000.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill creates a 7-member commission composed of non-legislators based on appointment. Members of the Commission are entitled to receive per diem of \$50 per day, in addition to travel reimbursement.

The State Personnel Department will provide administrative support to the Commission with assistance, as needed, from the Legislative Services Agency and other staff to be assigned by the Chief Justice. Money is appropriated from the State General Fund to the State Personnel Department as necessary for the operation of the Commission.

Effective January 1, 2000, this bill repeals the salaries of public officers in the judicial, executive and legislative branches. It allows the Commission to adopt administrative rules to set the salaries of members

of the General Assembly, the Governor and other elected positions in the executive branch, and judges of the trial courts, Appellate Court, Tax Court and Supreme Court. This bill also retains the General Assembly's authority to establish salaries by statute and to void a salary rule of the Commission.

State expenditures could increase if the Commission decides to increase salaries of state officials over the current statutory amounts. Future expenditures depend on the action of the Commission and the General Assembly.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** State Personnel Department; Legislative Services Agency; court staff assigned by the Chief Justice.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**