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- **In 2018, Emilia Sykes voted for Senate Bill 296.** (S.B. 296, Passed 68-21, [Sykes voted Yea](#), 12/13/18)
- **Senate Bill 296 increased “the compensation of elected public officers through 2028.”** “To amend sections 101.27, 141.01, 141.011, 141.04, 325.03, 325.04, 325.06, 325.08, 325.09, 325.10, 325.11, 325.14, 325.15, 325.18, 505.24, 507.09, 742.63, and 3501.12 and to enact sections 101.61, 107.71, and 124.824 of the Revised Code to revise the payments that surviving family members receive from the Ohio Public Safety Officers Death Benefit Fund and to permit surviving spouses and children to participate in the health, dental, and vision benefits offered to state employees as if the survivors were employees of this state; to increase the compensation of elected public officers through 2028; to create the Public Office Compensation Advisory Commission; to create the Office of InnovateOhio; to allow the Lieutenant Governor to receive the salary of the head of an office within the Governor's office in lieu of the Lieutenant Governor's statutory salary; and to declare an emergency.” (The Ohio Legislature, Senate Bill 296, [Legislation Text as Enrolled](#), accessed 7/15/22)
- **“Just before the clock struck midnight during a marathon legislative session Thursday, Ohio lawmakers approved a pay raise for themselves and other elected officials.”** “Just before the clock struck midnight during a marathon legislative session Thursday, Ohio lawmakers approved a pay raise for themselves and other elected officials, tacking it onto a bill to increase benefits for the widows and children of fallen first responders. Senate Bill 296 now heads to Gov. John Kasich, who called the measure “this grubby pay bill” and is likely to veto it. However, the bill passed both the Ohio House and Senate by wider margins than the three-fifths majority needed to override Kasich’s veto, should it come to that.” (Jeremy Pelzer, “Ohio lawmakers vote to give themselves a pay raise,” [Cleveland.com](#), 12/14/18)

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- **The Sykes-approved legislation would increase the base pay of lawmakers by nearly \$13,000 by 2028.** “Under the bill, legislators’ salaries would rise incrementally in the next decade from their current base pay of \$60,584 to \$73,167 by 2028. Additional stipends for legislative leaders and committee chairs would also go up.” (Jeremy Pelzer, “Ohio lawmakers vote to give themselves a pay raise,” [Cleveland.com](#), 12/14/18)

- **“The estimated median household income in Ohio was \$52,407 in 2017, per the U.S. Census Bureau.”** (Jeremy Pelzer, “Ohio lawmakers vote to give themselves a pay raise,” [Cleveland.com](https://www.cleveland.com), 12/14/18)