

sake of convenience, not assume the duties of the office until a convenient hour of the day.

This now brings us to the second query, namely, since Amended Substitute House Bill No. 1 and Amended Senate Bill No. 5 were effective at midnight of December 31, 1932, and the officers under consideration started their terms at midnight of December 31, 1932, could the reduction provided for in Amended Senate Bill No. 5 and Section 2 of Amended Substitute House Bill No. 1 be legally applied to such officers?

This query, in my estimation, depends on the meaning of the words "during" as used in the phrases "during his existing term" and "during their term of office," set forth in the constitutional sections above noted.

In 19 Corpus Juris, at page 838, the word "during" is defined as follows:

"The word is the equivalent of the Latin 'durante' and means after the commencement and before the termination of; in the time of; in or within the time of; at some period in; in the course of; throughout the course of; throughout the course, action, existence, or continuance of; through the continuation of; throughout the continuance of; continuously."

Applying the above definition of the word "during" to the phrases as used in the constitutional provisions under consideration, it would seem that the laws providing for reduction, to violate the constitutional inhibition would have to become effective *after the commencement* and before the termination of the term of the officers. The laws reducing salaries (Amended Substitute House Bill No. 1 and Amended Senate Bill No. 5) were effective simultaneously with the commencement of the terms of the officers under consideration and not *after the commencement* of their terms.

I am therefore of the opinion that the laws are applicable to the officers commencing their terms on January 1, 1933.

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