

House Bill 675

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 28-1-8 and Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 45 of the Official Code
2 of Georgia Annotated, relating to salary and allowances of members and officers of the
3 General Assembly and general provisions regarding salaries and fees for public officers,
4 respectively, so as to revise the compensation, expenses, and allowances of certain public
5 officials; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting
6 laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 28-1-8, relating to salary and allowances of members and officers of the
10 General Assembly, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (b) as follows:

11 "(a)(1) Each member of the General Assembly shall receive an annual salary, as provided
12 for in Code Section 45-7-4, to be paid in equal monthly installments. Upon complying
13 with the requirements of ~~paragraph (22) of subsection (a)~~ subsection (d) of Code Section
14 45-7-4, each member shall also be reimbursed for those actual expenses incurred in the
15 performance of duties for which reimbursement is provided in said subsection. ~~paragraph~~
16 ~~(22) of subsection (a) of Code Section 45-7-4. The Speaker of the House of~~

17 ~~Representatives, the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives, and the~~
18 ~~President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall receive an additional amount per annum as~~
19 ~~provided for in Code Section 45-7-4.~~

20 (2) The majority leader, the minority leader, the administration floor leader, and the
21 assistant administration floor leaders of the House of Representatives and the majority
22 leader, the minority leader, the administration floor leader, and the assistant
23 administration floor leaders of the Senate shall each receive such additional amount per
24 annum as shall be provided by resolution of the respective houses; but such amount for
25 each shall not be greater than the additional amount provided by law for the Speaker Pro
26 Tempore of the House of Representatives. All of such additional amounts shall also be
27 paid in equal monthly installments.

28 (b)(1)(A) During regular and extraordinary sessions of the General Assembly, each
29 member shall also receive a daily expense allowance.

30 (B)(i) Each member shall also receive the mileage allowance for the use of a personal
31 car when devoted to official business as provided for in Code Section 50-19-7, for not
32 more than one round trip to and from the member's residence and the state capitol by
33 the most practical route, per calendar week, or portion thereof, during each regular
34 and extraordinary session.

35 (ii) In addition to the mileage allowance provided in division (i) of this
36 subparagraph, each member of the General Assembly who resides 50 miles or more
37 from the state capitol shall be allowed \$50.00 for every 50 miles of each round-trip
38 journey from the member's residence to the state capitol. Notwithstanding any
39 reference to this Code section, the provisions of this division shall not apply or pass
40 through to any person other than a member of the General Assembly.

41 (iii) In the event a member travels by public carrier for any part of a round trip as
42 provided above, such member shall receive a travel allowance of actual transportation
43 costs for each such part in lieu of the mileage allowance.

44 (C) For each day's service within the state as a member of a standing committee or of
45 an interim committee created by or pursuant to a resolution of either or both houses or
46 as a member of a committee, board, bureau, commission, or other agency created by or
47 pursuant to statute or the Constitution of Georgia, such member shall receive a daily
48 expense allowance and the mileage allowance for the use of a personal car when
49 devoted to official business as provided for in Code Section 50-19-7 or a travel
50 allowance of actual transportation costs if traveling by public carrier. Any such
51 member shall also be reimbursed for any conference or meeting registration fee
52 incurred in the performance of his or her official duties as a member of any committee,
53 board, bureau, commission, or other agency. In the event it becomes necessary for a
54 committee to rent a meeting room in the performance of the duties of the committee,
55 the committee chairperson must have prior written approval of the President of the
56 Senate or the Speaker of the House, or both, as the case may be, depending on the
57 composition of the committee. The expense of such rental shall be billed to the
58 committee.

59 (D) For each day's service out of state as a member of any committee, board, bureau,
60 commission, or other agency, such member shall receive actual expenses as an expense
61 allowance, plus the mileage allowance for the use of a personal car when devoted to
62 official business as provided for in Code Section 50-19-7 or a travel allowance of actual
63 transportation costs if traveling by public carrier or by rental motor vehicle.

64 (E)(i) The amount of the daily expense allowances provided for in this paragraph
65 ~~shall be fixed by the Legislative Services Committee; provided, however, that the~~
66 ~~amount of the daily expense allowance shall remain at \$75.00~~ \$173.00 until changed
67 by the Legislative Services Committee. ~~The Legislative Services Committee shall~~
68 ~~periodically review, and when appropriate revise, the amount of the daily expense~~
69 ~~allowance.~~ Prior to January 1, 2024, the Legislative Services Committee shall adopt
70 a method for determining annual inflationary index rates which reflect the effects of

71 inflation and deflation on cost of living for residents of this state for a given calendar
72 year for use in this division. Such method may utilize the Consumer Price Index as
73 reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor
74 or any other similar index established by the federal government, if the Legislative
75 Services Committee determines that such federal index fairly reflects the effects of
76 inflation and deflation on cost of living for residents of this state.

77 (ii) The amount of the daily expense allowance shall be fixed adjusted for each term
78 of office by the Legislative Services Committee in an amount which reasonably
79 corresponds to the housing and meal expenses typically incurred by members in the
80 performance of their duties equal to the effects of inflation according to the index
81 adopted in accordance with division (i) of this subparagraph; provided, however, that
82 the amount so fixed shall not exceed the federal per diem rate in effect for the state
83 capital as specified by the General Services Administration at the time that the
84 committee acts. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
85 inflationary adjustment to daily expense allowances provided for in this division shall
86 not be applicable to anyone other than members of the General Assembly unless
87 expressly provided for in this division.

88 (2) Transportation costs incurred by a member of the Senate for air travel within or
89 without the state during the interim as a member of a committee, board, bureau,
90 commission, or other agency shall be reimbursed only if the incurring of such costs is
91 approved under procedures established by the Senate Administrative Affairs Committee.
92 Transportation costs incurred by a member of the House of Representatives for air travel
93 within or without the state during the interim as a member of a committee, board, bureau,
94 commission, or other agency shall be reimbursed only if the incurring of such costs is
95 approved under procedures established by the Speaker of the House.

96 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection to the contrary,
97 reimbursement of authorized transportation costs incurred by a member of the General

98 Assembly for air travel inside or outside the state at any time shall be limited to the
 99 amounts provided for in the state-wide contract. As used in this paragraph, the term
 100 'state-wide contract' means the state-wide contract for airline travel incorporated in the
 101 state travel regulations established by the State Accounting Office. This limitation shall
 102 not apply, however, if the air travel is between pairs of cities not covered in the state-wide
 103 contract, if no state-wide contract is in effect, if the contracted flight is other than a
 104 nonstop flight, the contracted flight would cause the member undue hardship or would
 105 conflict with the member's schedule, or if passage under a state-wide contract is otherwise
 106 not reasonably available. When reimbursement is requested for an amount in excess of
 107 the amount provided in the state-wide contract, the member shall sign a statement
 108 indicating which of the foregoing exceptions applies.

109 (4) All allowances provided for in this subsection shall be paid upon the submission of
 110 proper vouchers as provided for in subsection (d) of Code Section 45-7-4."

111 **SECTION 2.**

112 Article 1 of Chapter 7 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
 113 general provisions regarding salaries and fees for public officers, is amended by revising
 114 Code Section 45-7-4, relating to annual salaries of certain state officials and cost-of-living
 115 adjustments, as follows:

116 "45-7-4.

117 (a) The annual salary of each of the state officials listed below shall be as follows:

118	(1) Governor	\$ 175,000.00
119	An allowance in an amount specified in the appropriations Act shall also	
120	be provided for the operation of the Governor's mansion.	
121	(2) Lieutenant Governor	54,920.00
		<u>135,000.00</u>

122 ~~Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the annual salary for~~
 123 ~~the Lieutenant Governor for the 2021 fiscal year shall be reduced by an~~
 124 ~~amount equal to 14 percent of the amount received for such office during~~
 125 ~~the 2020 fiscal year.~~

126 (3) Adjutant general

127 The adjutant general shall continue to receive the pay and allowances under
 128 the same procedure as provided by law.

129 (4) Commissioner of Agriculture 100,429.00
 144,653.00

130 (5) Attorney General 114,633.00
 165,611.00

131 (6) Reserved.

132 (7) Commissioner of Insurance 100,396.00
 143,269.00

133 (8) Reserved.

134 (9) Commissioner of Labor 100,418.00
 146,115.00

135 The above amount of salary for the Commissioner of Labor shall include
 136 any compensation received from the United States government and the
 137 amount of state funds paid shall be reduced by the amount of compensation
 138 received from the United States government.

139 (10) Reserved.

140 (11) Each member of the Public Service Commission 96,655.00
 138,974.00

141 (12) Reserved.

142	(13) State School Superintendent	102,708.00 <u>146,691.00</u>
143	(14) Secretary of State	102,708.00 <u>147,128.00</u>
144	(15) Reserved.	
145	(16) Reserved.	
146	(17) Reserved.	
147	(18) Each Justice of the Supreme Court	175,600.00
148	(19) Each Judge of the Court of Appeals	174,500.00
149	(19.1) Judge of the Georgia State-wide Business Court	174,500.00
150	(20) Each superior court judge	126,265.00
151	(21) Each district attorney	120,072.00
152	(22) Each member of the General Assembly	16,200.00 <u>29,908.00</u>

153 ~~(A) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the annual~~
154 ~~salary for each member of the General Assembly for the 2021 fiscal year~~
155 ~~shall be reduced by an amount equal to 10 percent of the amount received~~
156 ~~for such office during the 2020 fiscal year.~~

157 ~~(B) Each member of the General Assembly shall also receive the~~
158 ~~allowances provided by law. The amount of the daily expense allowance~~
159 ~~which each member is entitled to receive under the provisions of Code~~
160 ~~Section 28-1-8 shall be as provided in that Code section. The mileage~~
161 ~~allowance for the use of a personal car on official business shall be the~~
162 ~~same as that received by other state officials and employees.~~

163 ~~(C) In addition to any other compensation and allowances authorized for~~
164 ~~members of the General Assembly, each member may be reimbursed for~~
165 ~~per diem differential and for actual expenses incurred in the performance~~
166 ~~of duties as a member of the General Assembly in an amount not to~~
167 ~~exceed \$7,000.00 per year. Expenses reimbursable up to such amount~~
168 ~~shall be limited to one or more of the following purposes: lodging, meals,~~
169 ~~per diem differential, postage, personal services, printing and~~
170 ~~publications, rents, supplies (including software), telecommunications,~~
171 ~~transportation, utilities, purchasing or leasing of equipment, and other~~
172 ~~reasonable expenditures directly related to the performance of a~~
173 ~~member's duties. If equipment purchased by a member has a depreciated~~
174 ~~value of \$100.00 or less when such member leaves office, the equipment~~
175 ~~does not need to be returned to the state. No reimbursement shall be~~
176 ~~made for any postage which is used for a political newsletter. No~~
177 ~~reimbursement shall be paid for lodging or meals for any day for which~~
178 ~~a member receives the daily expense allowance as provided in this~~
179 ~~paragraph. Eligible expenses shall be reimbursed following the~~
180 ~~submission of vouchers to the legislative fiscal office in compliance with~~
181 ~~the requirements of this subparagraph and subject to the provisions of~~
182 ~~subparagraph (E) of this paragraph. Such vouchers shall be submitted in~~
183 ~~such form and manner as prescribed by the Legislative Services~~
184 ~~Committee pursuant to subparagraph (E) of this paragraph, provided that~~
185 ~~each such voucher shall be accompanied by a supporting document or~~
186 ~~documents, or legible copies thereof, showing payment for each expense~~
187 ~~claimed or an explanation of the absence of such documentation; in~~
188 ~~addition, each such voucher shall include a certification by the member~~
189 ~~that the information contained in such voucher and supporting document~~

190 ~~or documents, or legible copies thereof, is true and correct and that such~~
191 ~~expenses were incurred by the member. The provisions of Code Section~~
192 ~~16-10-20 shall be applicable to any person submitting such certified~~
193 ~~vouchers and supporting documents or copies the same as if the General~~
194 ~~Assembly were a department or agency of state government. No such~~
195 ~~voucher or supporting document shall be required for per diem~~
196 ~~differential.~~

197 ~~(D) The amount of per diem differential which may be claimed for each~~
198 ~~day under subparagraph (C) of this paragraph shall be the difference~~
199 ~~between the daily expense allowance authorized for members of the~~
200 ~~General Assembly and \$119.00, provided, however, that the General~~
201 ~~Appropriations Act for any fiscal year may increase such amount of~~
202 ~~\$119.00 per day to an amount not in excess of the federal per diem rate~~
203 ~~then in effect for the state capital as specified by the General Services~~
204 ~~Administration. Per diem differential shall be paid by the legislative~~
205 ~~fiscal office to the member upon the member's notification to the~~
206 ~~legislative fiscal office of the days for which the daily expense allowance~~
207 ~~was received for which the member wishes to claim the per diem~~
208 ~~differential, and the legislative fiscal office shall keep a record of the~~
209 ~~days for which per diem differential is so claimed and paid.~~

210 ~~(E) For the purposes of this paragraph, a year shall begin on the~~
211 ~~convening date of the General Assembly in regular session each year and~~
212 ~~end on the day prior to the convening of the General Assembly in the~~
213 ~~next calendar year. Any voucher or claim for any reimbursement for any~~
214 ~~year as defined in this paragraph shall be submitted no later than the~~
215 ~~fifteenth of April immediately following the end of such year. No~~
216 ~~reimbursement shall be made on any voucher or claim submitted after~~

217 ~~that date. Any amounts remaining in such expense account at the end of~~
218 ~~the first year of the two-year biennium may be claimed for expenses~~
219 ~~incurred during the second year of the two-year biennium. Any amounts~~
220 ~~remaining in any expense account which are not so claimed by April 15~~
221 ~~of the year following the second year of the biennium and any amounts~~
222 ~~claimed which are returned as hereafter provided for in this paragraph~~
223 ~~shall lapse and shall be remitted by the legislative fiscal office to the~~
224 ~~general fund of the state treasury. Any former member of the General~~
225 ~~Assembly may be reimbursed for expenses incurred while a member of~~
226 ~~the General Assembly upon compliance with the provisions of this~~
227 ~~paragraph. The Legislative Services Committee is empowered to provide~~
228 ~~such procedures as it deems advisable to administer the provisions of this~~
229 ~~paragraph, including, but not limited to, definitions of the above list of~~
230 ~~items for which reimbursement may be made; provided, however, that~~
231 ~~the term 'other reasonable expenditures directly related to the~~
232 ~~performance of a member's duties' shall be as defined by policies adopted~~
233 ~~by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the Senate~~
234 ~~Administrative Affairs Committee as to reimbursement of such~~
235 ~~expenditures incurred by members of the House and Senate, respectively;~~
236 ~~and provided, further, that the amount of expenses which may be~~
237 ~~reimbursed within the limits of subparagraph (C) of this paragraph for~~
238 ~~travel outside the state may be as provided by policies adopted by the~~
239 ~~Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the Senate~~
240 ~~Administrative Affairs Committee as to such expenditures of members~~
241 ~~of the House and Senate, respectively. The Legislative Services~~
242 ~~Committee is further empowered to prescribe the form of the voucher or~~
243 ~~claim which must be submitted to the legislative fiscal office. In the~~

244 ~~event of any disagreement as to whether any reimbursement shall be~~
 245 ~~made or any allowance shall be paid, the Legislative Services Committee~~
 246 ~~shall make the final determination, except that in the event of any~~
 247 ~~disagreement as to whether any reimbursement under subparagraph (C)~~
 248 ~~of this paragraph shall be made for other reasonable expenses directly~~
 249 ~~related to the performance of a member's duties or for travel outside the~~
 250 ~~state, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall make the final~~
 251 ~~determination as to such expenses incurred by a member of the House,~~
 252 ~~and the Senate Administrative Affairs Committee shall make the final~~
 253 ~~determination as to such expenses incurred by a member of the Senate.~~
 254 ~~In the event any reimbursement is made or any allowance is paid and it~~
 255 ~~is later determined that such reimbursement or payment was made in~~
 256 ~~error, the person to whom such reimbursement or payment was made~~
 257 ~~shall remit to the legislative fiscal office the amount of money involved.~~
 258 ~~In the event any such person refuses to make such remittance, the~~
 259 ~~legislative fiscal office is authorized to withhold the payment of any~~
 260 ~~other moneys to which such person is entitled until the amount of such~~
 261 ~~reimbursement or payment which was made in error shall be realized.~~

262 (23) Speaker of the House of Representatives 17,800.00
 135,000.00

263 The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall also receive the salary
 264 and allowances authorized as a member of the General Assembly. Upon
 265 the taking of office by the members of the General Assembly on the
 266 convening day of the regular session of the General Assembly in 1983, the
 267 annual salary of the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall become
 268 \$22,800.00. After such date, the Speaker shall also receive as additional
 269 salary a sum equal to the amount of salary over \$30,000.00 per annum

270 ~~which is received by the Lieutenant Governor as of that date or thereafter;~~
 271 ~~and the salary of the Speaker shall be adjusted at the beginning of each~~
 272 ~~term so as to include such additional sum.~~

273 (24) President Pro Tempore of the Senate 4,800.00
 35,908.00

274 The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall also receive the salary and
 275 allowances authorized as a member of the General Assembly.

276 (25) Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives 4,800.00
 35,908.00

277 The Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives shall also
 278 receive the salary and allowances authorized as a member of the General
 279 Assembly.

280 (b)(1) As an adjustment except as qualified below as to members and member-officers
 281 of the General Assembly, the annual salary of each state official whose salary is
 282 established by Code Section 45-7-3, this Code section, and Code Sections 45-7-20 and
 283 45-7-21, including members of the General Assembly, the Speaker of the House of
 284 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker Pro Tempore
 285 of the House of Representatives, ~~may~~ shall be increased by the General Assembly in the
 286 General Appropriations Act by a percentage not to exceed the ~~average percentage of the~~
 287 ~~increase in salary as may from time to time be granted to employees of the executive,~~
 288 ~~judicial, and legislative branches of government. However, any increase for such~~
 289 ~~officials shall not include within-grade step increases for which employees subject to~~
 290 ~~compensation plans authorized and approved in accordance with Code Section 45-20-4~~
 291 are eligible percentage determined pursuant to paragraph (3) of this subsection.

292 (2) Any increase granted pursuant to this subsection shall become effective at the same
 293 time that funds are made available for the increase for such employees, except increases
 294 for members and member-officers of the General Assembly. ~~That portion of the increase~~

295 ~~determined by the Legislative Services Committee to reflect a cost-of-living increase~~
296 ~~based upon objective economic criteria shall become effective for members and~~
297 ~~member-officers at the same time that funds are made available for the increase for such~~
298 ~~employees. The balance of the Any salary increase provided for members and~~
299 ~~member-officers of the General Assembly shall not become effective ~~on~~ until the~~
300 ~~convening of the next General Assembly in January of the next odd-numbered year.~~

301 (3) The Office of Planning and Budget shall calculate the average percentage increase
302 based on a rate of inflation that reflects the effects of inflation and deflation on cost of
303 living for residents of this state for a given calendar year. Such method may utilize the
304 Consumer Price Index as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States
305 Department of Labor or any other similar index established by the federal government,
306 if the Office of Planning and Budget determines that such federal index fairly reflects the
307 effects of inflation and deflation on cost of living for residents of this state.

308 (c) The annual salary being received on June 30, 1980, shall be increased by 8 percent for
309 each state official listed in subsection (a) of this Code section who:

310 (1) Is not a member of the General Assembly; and

311 (2) Is not a contributing member of a state retirement system and, therefore, does not
312 benefit by or participate in any program whereunder a portion of the employee
313 contributions to the state retirement system are made on behalf of the employee by the
314 employer.

315 (d)(1) Each member of the General Assembly shall also receive the allowances provided
316 by law. The amount of the daily expense allowance which each member is entitled to
317 receive under the provisions of Code Section 28-1-8 shall be as provided in that Code
318 section. The mileage allowance for the use of a personal car on official business shall be
319 the same as that received by other state officials and employees.

320 (2)(A) In addition to any other compensation and allowances authorized for members
321 of the General Assembly, each member may be reimbursed for per diem differential

322 and for actual expenses incurred in the performance of duties as a member of the
323 General Assembly in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00 per year.

324 (B)(i) Expenses reimbursable up to such amount shall be limited to one or more of
325 the following purposes: lodging, meals, per diem differential, postage, personal
326 services, printing and publications, rents, supplies (including software),
327 telecommunications, transportation, utilities, purchasing or leasing of equipment, and
328 other reasonable expenditures directly related to the performance of a member's
329 duties.

330 (ii) If equipment purchased by a member has a depreciated value of \$100.00 or less
331 when such member leaves office, the equipment does not need to be returned to the
332 state.

333 (iii) No reimbursement shall be made for any postage which is used for a political
334 newsletter. No reimbursement shall be paid for lodging or meals for any day for
335 which a member receives the daily expense allowance as provided in this paragraph.

336 (C)(i) Eligible expenses shall be reimbursed following the submission of vouchers
337 to the legislative fiscal office in compliance with the requirements of this
338 subparagraph and subject to the provisions of paragraph (4) of this subsection.

339 (ii) Such vouchers shall be submitted in such form and manner as prescribed by the
340 Legislative Services Committee pursuant to paragraph (4) of this subsection, provided
341 that each such voucher shall be accompanied by a supporting document or documents,
342 or legible copies thereof, showing payment for each expense claimed or an
343 explanation of the absence of such documentation; in addition, each such voucher
344 shall include a certification by the member that the information contained in such
345 voucher and supporting document or documents, or legible copies thereof, is true and
346 correct and that such expenses were incurred by the member.

347 (iii) The provisions of Code Section 16-10-20 shall be applicable to any person
348 submitting such certified vouchers and supporting documents or copies the same as
349 if the General Assembly were a department or agency of state government.

350 (iv) No such voucher or supporting document shall be required for per diem
351 differential.

352 (3)(A) The amount of per diem differential which may be claimed for each day
353 pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be the difference between the daily
354 expense allowance authorized for members of the General Assembly and \$119.00;
355 provided, however, that the General Appropriations Act for any fiscal year may
356 increase such amount of \$119.00 per day to an amount not in excess of the federal per
357 diem rate then in effect for the state capital as specified by the General Services
358 Administration.

359 (B) Per diem differential shall be paid by the legislative fiscal office to the member
360 upon the member's notification to the legislative fiscal office of the days for which the
361 daily expense allowance was received for which the member wishes to claim the per
362 diem differential, and the legislative fiscal office shall keep a record of the days for
363 which per diem differential is so claimed and paid.

364 (4)(A) For the purposes of this subsection, a year shall begin on the convening date of
365 the General Assembly in regular session each year and end on the day prior to the
366 convening of the General Assembly in the next calendar year.

367 (B) Any voucher or claim for any reimbursement for any year as defined in this
368 paragraph shall be submitted no later than the fifteenth of April immediately following
369 the end of such year. No reimbursement shall be made on any voucher or claim
370 submitted after that date. Any amounts remaining in such expense account at the end
371 of the first year of the two-year biennium may be claimed for expenses incurred during
372 the second year of the two-year biennium. Any amounts remaining in any expense
373 account which are not so claimed by April 15 of the year following the second year of

374 the biennium and any amounts claimed which are returned as hereafter provided for in
375 this paragraph shall lapse and shall be remitted by the legislative fiscal office to the
376 general fund of the state treasury.

377 (C) Any former member of the General Assembly may be reimbursed for expenses
378 incurred while a member of the General Assembly upon compliance with the provisions
379 of this paragraph.

380 (5)(A) The Legislative Services Committee is empowered to provide such procedures
381 as it deems advisable to administer the provisions of this subsection, including, but not
382 limited to, definitions of the above list of items for which reimbursement may be made;
383 provided, however, that the term 'other reasonable expenditures directly related to the
384 performance of a member's duties' shall be as defined by policies adopted by the
385 Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the Senate Administrative Affairs
386 Committee as to reimbursement of such expenditures incurred by members of the
387 House and Senate, respectively; and provided, further, that the amount of expenses
388 which may be reimbursed within the limits of paragraph (2) of this subsection for travel
389 outside the state may be as provided by policies adopted by the Speaker of the House
390 of Representatives and by the Senate Administrative Affairs Committee as to such
391 expenditures of members of the House and Senate, respectively.

392 (B) The Legislative Services Committee is further empowered to prescribe the form
393 of the voucher or claim which must be submitted to the legislative fiscal office. In the
394 event of any disagreement as to whether any reimbursement shall be made or any
395 allowance shall be paid, the Legislative Services Committee shall make the final
396 determination; except that in the event of any disagreement as to whether any
397 reimbursement pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be made for other
398 reasonable expenses directly related to the performance of a member's duties or for
399 travel outside the state, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall make the final
400 determination as to such expenses incurred by a member of the House, and the Senate

401 Administrative Affairs Committee shall make the final determination as to such
402 expenses incurred by a member of the Senate.

403 (C) In the event any reimbursement is made or any allowance is paid and it is later
404 determined that such reimbursement or payment was made in error, the person to whom
405 such reimbursement or payment was made shall remit to the legislative fiscal office the
406 amount of money involved. In the event any such person refuses to make such
407 remittance, the legislative fiscal office is authorized to withhold the payment of any
408 other moneys to which such person is entitled until the amount of such reimbursement
409 or payment which was made in error shall be realized."

410 **SECTION 3.**

411 This Act shall become effective on January 9, 2023.

412 **SECTION 4.**

413 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.