

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

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SENATE DRS65595-LR-213A (5/16)

Short Title: Legislators' Compensation Changes.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Webster.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ADJUST THE COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Effective upon convening of the 2007 Regular Session of the General Assembly, G.S. 120-3 reads as rewritten:

"§ 120-3. Pay of members and officers of the General Assembly.

(a) The Speaker of the House shall be paid an annual salary of ~~thirty-eight thousand one hundred fifty one dollars (\$38,151)~~ forty nine thousand five hundred thirty-two dollars (\$49,532) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of ~~one thousand four hundred thirteen dollars (\$1,413)~~ one thousand eight hundred thirty-five dollars (\$1,835) per month. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be paid an annual salary of ~~thirty-eight thousand one hundred fifty one dollars (\$38,151)~~ forty nine thousand five hundred thirty-two dollars (\$49,532) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of ~~one thousand four hundred thirteen dollars (\$1,413)~~ one thousand eight hundred thirty-five dollars (\$1,835) per month. The Speaker Pro Tempore of the House shall be paid an annual salary of ~~twenty one thousand seven hundred thirty nine dollars (\$21,739)~~ twenty nine thousand one hundred fifteen dollars (\$29,115) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of ~~eight hundred thirty six dollars (\$836.00)~~ one thousand one hundred twenty dollars (\$1,120) per month. The Deputy President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be paid an annual salary of ~~twenty one thousand seven hundred thirty nine dollars (\$21,739)~~ twenty-nine thousand one hundred fifteen dollars (\$29,115) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of ~~eight hundred thirty six dollars (\$836.00)~~ one thousand one hundred twenty dollars (\$1,120) per month. The majority and minority leaders in the House and the majority and minority leaders in the Senate shall be paid an annual salary of ~~seventeen thousand forty eight dollars (\$17,048)~~ twenty-three thousand three hundred sixty-six dollars (\$23, 366) payable

1 monthly, and an expense allowance of ~~six hundred sixty six dollars (\$666.00)~~ nine
2 hundred thirteen dollars (\$913.00) per month.

3 (b) Every other member of the General Assembly shall receive increases in
4 annual salary only to the extent of and in the amounts equal to the average increases
5 received by employees of the State, effective upon convening of the next Regular
6 Session of the General Assembly after enactment of these increased amounts, except no
7 such increase is granted upon the convening of the 1997 Regular Session of the General
8 Assembly. Accordingly, upon convening of the 1997 Regular Session of the General
9 Assembly, every other member of the General Assembly shall be paid an annual salary
10 of ~~thirteen thousand nine hundred fifty one dollars (\$13,951)~~ nineteen thousand five
11 hundred seventy-one dollars (\$19,571) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of
12 ~~five hundred fifty nine dollars (\$559.00)~~ seven hundred eighty-four dollars (\$784.00)
13 per month.

14 (b1) Effective upon convening of the 2009 Regular Session and biennially
15 thereafter, the dollar amounts of salary under subsections (a) and (b) of this section are
16 increased by an amount equal to the average salary increases received by employees of
17 the State, as certified by the Legislative Services Officer.

18 (c) The salary and expense allowances provided in this section are in addition to
19 any per diem compensation and any subsistence and travel allowance authorized by any
20 other law with respect to any regular or extra session of the General Assembly, and
21 service on any State board, agency, commission, standing committee and study
22 commission."

23 **SECTION 2.** Effective upon convening of the 2007 Regular Session of the
24 General Assembly, G.S. 120-3.1(a) reads as rewritten:

25 "(a) In addition to compensation for their services, members of the General
26 Assembly shall be paid the following allowances:

- 27 (1) A weekly travel allowance for each week or fraction thereof that the
28 General Assembly is in regular or extra session. The amount of the
29 weekly travel allowance shall be calculated for each member by
30 multiplying the actual round-trip mileage from that member's home to
31 the City of Raleigh by the rate per mile which is the business standard
32 mileage rate set by the Internal Revenue Service in Rev. Proc. 93-51,
33 December 27, 1993.
- 34 (2) A travel allowance at the rate which is the business standard mileage
35 rate set by the Internal Revenue Service in ~~Rev. Proc. 93-51,~~
36 ~~December 27, 1993,~~ Rev. Proc. 2005-78, whenever the member
37 travels, whether in or out of session, as a representative of the General
38 Assembly or of its committees or commissions, with the approval of
39 the Legislative Services Commission.
- 40 (3) A subsistence allowance for meals and lodging ~~at a daily rate equal to~~
41 ~~the maximum per diem rate for federal employees traveling to Raleigh,~~
42 ~~North Carolina, as set out at 58 Federal Register 67959 (December 22,~~
43 ~~1993),~~ at the rate of one hundred twenty-seven dollars (\$127.00) per
44 day while the General Assembly is in session and, except as otherwise

1 provided in this subdivision, while the General Assembly is not in
2 session when, with the approval of the Speaker of the House of
3 Representatives in the case of Representatives or the President Pro
4 Tempore of the Senate in case of Senators, the member is:

- 5 a. Traveling as a representative of the General Assembly or of its
6 committees or commissions, or
7 b. Otherwise in the service of the State.

8 A member who is authorized to travel, whether in or out of session,
9 within the United States outside North Carolina, may elect to receive,
10 in lieu of the amount provided in the preceding paragraph, a
11 subsistence allowance of twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) a day for meals,
12 plus actual expenses for lodging when evidenced by a receipt
13 satisfactory to the Legislative Services Officer, the latter not to exceed
14 the maximum per diem rate for federal employees traveling to the
15 same place, as set out at ~~58 Federal Register 67950-67964 (December~~
16 ~~22, 1993)~~ and at ~~59 Federal Register 23702-23709 (May 6, 1994)~~. place
17 as set out by the General Services Administration for the Continental
18 United States for the 2006 federal fiscal year, noticed at 70 Federal
19 Register 52100.

- 20 (4) A member may be reimbursed for registration fees as permitted by the
21 Legislative Services Commission."

22 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General
23 Assembly the sum of one million eight hundred eighty thousand six hundred thirty-two
24 dollars (\$1,880,632) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to fund the legislators' compensation
25 changes authorized by this act.

26 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.