

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 11

Short Title: Legislative Salary Adjustment.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Weinstein; Garwood, Kinnaird, and Shaw.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

January 31, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ADJUST THE COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

7 "**§ 120-3. Pay of members and officers of the General Assembly.**

8 (a) The Speaker of the House shall be paid an annual salary of ~~thirty-eight~~
9 forty-eight thousand one hundred fifty-one dollars ~~(\$38,151)~~ (\$48,151) payable
10 monthly, and an expense allowance of one thousand four hundred thirteen dollars
11 (\$1,413) per month. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall be paid an annual
12 salary of ~~thirty-eight~~ forty-eight thousand one hundred fifty-one dollars ~~(\$38,151)~~
13 (\$48,151) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of one thousand four hundred
14 thirteen dollars (\$1,413) per month. The Speaker Pro Tempore of the House shall be
15 paid an annual salary of ~~twenty-one~~ thirty-one thousand seven hundred thirty-nine
16 dollars ~~(\$21,739)~~ (\$31,739) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of eight
17 hundred thirty-six dollars (\$836.00) per month. The Deputy President Pro Tempore of
18 the Senate shall be paid an annual salary of ~~twenty-one~~ thirty-one thousand seven
19 hundred thirty-nine dollars ~~(\$21,739)~~ (\$31,739) payable monthly, and an expense
20 allowance of eight hundred thirty-six dollars (\$836.00) per month. The majority and
21 minority leaders in the House and the majority and minority leaders in the Senate shall
22 be paid an annual salary of ~~seventeen~~ twenty-seven thousand forty-eight dollars
23 ~~(\$17,048)~~ (\$27,048) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of six hundred
24 sixty-six dollars (\$666.00) per month.

25 (b) ~~Every other member of the General Assembly shall receive increases in~~
26 ~~annual salary only to the extent of and in the amounts equal to the average increases~~
27 ~~received by employees of the State, effective upon convening of the next Regular~~
28 ~~Session of the General Assembly after enactment of these increased amounts, except no~~
29 ~~such increase is granted upon the convening of the 1997 Regular Session of the General~~

1 ~~Assembly. Accordingly, upon convening of the 1997~~ Upon convening of the 2007
2 Regular Session of the General Assembly, every other member of the General
3 Assembly shall be paid an annual salary of ~~thirteen thousand nine hundred fifty one~~
4 ~~dollars (\$13,951)~~ twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) payable monthly, and an
5 expense allowance of five hundred fifty-nine dollars (\$559.00) per month.

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

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

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

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

19 (1) A weekly travel allowance for each week or fraction thereof that the
20 General Assembly is in regular or extra session. The amount of the
21 weekly travel allowance shall be calculated for each member by
22 multiplying the actual round-trip mileage from that member's home to
23 the City of Raleigh by the rate per mile which is the business standard
24 mileage rate set by the Internal Revenue Service in Rev. Proc. 93-51,
25 December 27, 1993.

26 (2) A travel allowance at the rate which is the business standard mileage
27 rate set by the Internal Revenue Service in Rev. Proc. 93-51,
28 December 27, 1993, whenever the member travels, whether in or out
29 of session, as a representative of the General Assembly or of its
30 committees or commissions, with the approval of the Legislative
31 Services Commission.

32 (3) A subsistence allowance for meals and lodging ~~at a daily rate equal to~~
33 ~~the maximum per diem rate for federal employees traveling to Raleigh,~~
34 ~~North Carolina, as set out at 58 Federal Register 67959 (December 22,~~
35 ~~1993),~~ at the rate of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) per day
36 while the General Assembly is in session and, except as otherwise
37 provided in this subdivision, while the General Assembly is not in
38 session when, with the approval of the Speaker of the House of
39 Representatives in the case of Representatives or the President Pro
40 Tempore of the Senate in case of Senators, the member is:

41 a. Traveling as a representative of the General Assembly or of its
42 committees or commissions, or

43 b. Otherwise in the service of the State.

1 A member who is authorized to travel, whether in or out of session,
2 within the United States outside North Carolina, may elect to receive,
3 in lieu of the amount provided in the preceding paragraph, a
4 subsistence allowance of twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) a day for meals,
5 plus actual expenses for lodging when evidenced by a receipt
6 satisfactory to the Legislative Services Officer, the latter not to exceed
7 the maximum per diem rate for federal employees traveling to the
8 same place, as set out at 58 Federal Register 67950-67964 (December
9 22, 1993) and at 59 Federal Register 23702-23709 (May 6, 1994).

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

12 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.