
DIGEST

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HB 1201 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Provides for the salary of the governor and other statewide elected officials; provides for a housing allowance and vehicle allowance for statewide elected officials, other than the governor; provides for per diem, mileage reimbursements, and housing allowance for legislators

Present law provides that members of the legislature may receive compensation, referred to as per diem, equal to the rate allowable for per diem deduction by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) for the location of the state capital during their attendance on the legislature.

Proposed law retains present law and further authorizes members of the legislature to receive the GSA rate for per diem for no more than 10 days a month when engaged in official legislative business on days not in attendance on the body.

Present law provides that in addition to per diem and all other allowances provided by law for members of the legislature, each member of the legislature, except the president and the president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker and the speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives, shall be paid a salary in the full sum of \$16,800 per year.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that in addition to the per diem and salary and all other allowances provided by law for members of the legislature, each member shall be paid a mileage allowance for trips to and from the capitol during sessions of the legislature, regardless of the method of transportation, equal to the GSA standard mileage rate for business travel. Provides that such mileage allowance shall be paid for a number of trips not to exceed the number of calendar weeks, or fraction thereof, of the session.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that during the interim between sessions each member shall also be paid, for actual attendance at meetings of legislative committees of which he is a member, a mileage allowance equal to the GSA standard mileage rate for business travel for actual travel to and from the site of such meetings.

Proposed law retains present law and further authorizes members of the legislature to receive the same mileage allowance up to 10 days per month for any meeting or activity when engaging in official legislative business.

Present law provides that the mileage allowance for legislative committee meetings shall be paid only upon the filing by the member with the respective presiding officer of a voucher for each such meeting. Further provides that the legislature or either house may, by appropriate resolution, provide that no mileage allowance shall be paid in the case of particular committees or particular meetings.

Proposed law retains present law and requires the member to file a voucher for payment of the mileage allowance provided for by proposed law.

Present law provides that the salary of the speaker of the House of Representatives and president of the Senate shall be \$32,000 per year. Proposed law retains present law.

Further provides that in addition to the days for which he is authorized a per diem as provided in present law or for attendance at meetings of legislative and other committees or commissions during the interim between sessions, the speaker and president shall be paid the per diem for each day spent in the state capitol in the conduct of the business of his office, upon filing of a voucher for each such day with the clerk of the House.

Proposed law instead provides that the speaker and president shall be entitled to the per diem and all other allowances provided for by law for members of the legislature.

Present law requires that the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives be reimbursed for housing expenses when maintaining a residence in the capital city. The amount shall not exceed \$1,000 per month. Requires the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives to file an itemized statement of expenses and appropriate invoices or receipts.

Proposed law changes present law by extending the housing allowance to for reimbursement of housing expenses when maintaining a residence in the capital city to all members of the legislature. The amount shall not exceed \$1,000 per month. Proposed law requires an itemized statement but no longer requires expenses to be listed or the production of invoices or receipts. Proposed law authorizes the Legislative Budgetary Control Council to promulgate rules concerning the expenses incurred in maintaining a residence in the capital city.

Present law sets the salary of the governor at \$130,000.

Proposed law instead sets the salary of the governor at 35% of the average salary of the presidents of each public postsecondary education system for the fiscal year prior to the governor taking office.

Present law sets the salary of each statewide elected official, except the governor, at \$115,000.

Proposed law instead sets the salary of each statewide elected official, except the governor, at 30%

of the average salary of the presidents of each public postsecondary education system for the fiscal year prior to the governor taking office.

Proposed law provides for statewide elected officials, except the governor, to receive a housing allowance of \$2,500 per month and a vehicle allowance of \$1,000 per month.

(Amends R.S. 24:31(A), 31.1(C)(2), 502(B), 503(B), and 506(B) and R.S. 36:10)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the engrossed bill:

1. Authorize for all members of the legislature to be reimbursed for housing expenses in the capital city not to exceed \$1,000 per month.
2. Authorize the Legislative Budgetary Control Council to promulgate rules for the reimbursement of expenses related to maintaining a residence in the capital city.
3. Make technical changes.