

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1201

BY REPRESENTATIVE ILLG AND SENATORS BARROW, CARTER, LAMBERT,
AND TALBOT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 24:31(A), 31.1(C)(2) and (E), and 503(B), and R.S. 36:10(B),
3 relative to compensation of elected officials; to authorize an expense allowance and
4 a housing allowance for statewide elected officials other than the governor; to
5 provide for the per diem compensation of members of the legislature; to provide for
6 the mileage allowance available to members of the legislature; to provide for per
7 diem and mileage allowance for a member when engaged in official legislative
8 business on days not in attendance on the body; to provide for the annual adjustment
9 of the expense allowance of statewide elected officials and legislators; and to provide
10 for related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 24:31(A), 31.1(C)(2) and (E), and 503(B) are hereby amended and
13 reenacted to read as follows:

14 §31. Compensation of members; per diem election

15 A.(1) The compensation of the members of the legislature shall be equal to
16 the rate allowable for per diem deduction under 26 U.S.C. 162(h)(1)(B)(ii) for the
17 location of the state capital during their attendance on that body and for no more than
18 ten days a month when engaged in official legislative business on days not in
19 attendance on the body.

20 (2) The per diem allowance for days engaged in official legislative business
21 but not in attendance on the body shall be paid only upon the filing of a voucher by
22 the member with the respective presiding officer for each such day and approval of
23 the presiding officer.

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1 §503. Expenses

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3 B. The ~~president~~ members of the Senate and ~~speaker~~ of the members of the
4 House of Representatives shall be entitled to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in
5 maintaining a residence in the capital city, in an amount not to exceed one thousand
6 dollars per month, upon filing an itemized statement ~~of expenses and appropriate~~
7 ~~invoices or receipts~~ supporting the same with the chief clerical officer of their
8 respective house of the legislature. The Legislative Budgetary Control Council may
9 promulgate rules concerning expenses pursuant to this Subsection including an
10 annual election for reimbursement up to the monthly limit as an expense allowance
11 or through an accountable plan maintained in accordance with Title 26 of the United
12 States Code.

13 (2) The expense allowance provided for in this Subsection shall be adjusted
14 for inflation on January first of each year by the change in the consumer price index-
15 U.S. city average for all urban consumers (CPI-U) as prepared by the United States
16 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, applied annually and shall reflect
17 the change, if any, since the amount was last modified, provided that any adjustment
18 in a monthly amount shall only be made in whole increments of one hundred dollars.

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20 Section 2. R.S. 36:10(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

21 §10. Statewide elected officials; salary compensation

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23 B.(1) The salary of each statewide elected official, except the governor, shall
24 be one hundred fifteen thousand dollars, payable monthly upon the statewide elected
25 official's own warrant.

26 (2) Each statewide elected official, except the governor, shall be entitled to
27 a monthly unvouchered housing allowance for renting or leasing a residence in the
28 capital city of one thousand dollars per month.

29 (3) Each statewide elected official, except the governor, shall be entitled to
30 a monthly unvouchered expense allowance of five hundred dollars per month

1 payable upon the statewide elected official's own warrant. The expense allowance
 2 shall be adjusted for inflation on January first of each year by the change in the
 3 consumer price index - U.S. city average for all urban consumers (CPI-U) as
 4 prepared by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics,
 5 applied annually and shall reflect the change, if any, since the amount was last
 6 modified, provided that any adjustment in a monthly amount shall only be made in
 7 whole increments of one hundred dollars.

8 Section 3. This Act shall become effective at noon on January 10, 2028.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____