

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to Original Senate Bill No. 653 by Senator Duplessis

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1 , line 2, change "24:31.4(A) and 31.5(A)(1), (2), and (4)," to "24:31.4(A) and (C)
3 and 31.5,"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 1, line 7, "24:31.4(A) and 31.5(A)(1), (2), and (4)," to "24:31.4(A) and (C) and
6 31.5,"

7 AMENDMENT NO. 3

8 On page 1, delete lines 11 through 14 and insert the following:

9 "law for members of the legislature, each member of the legislature **House of**
10 **Representatives** shall be paid a monthly expense allowance in the amount of five
11 hundred dollars per month, **and each member of the Senate shall be paid a**
12 **monthly expense allowance in the amount of one thousand**"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 4

14 On page 2, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

15 "C. The allowance provided in Subsection A shall be withdrawn from the
16 treasury and paid to the persons entitled thereto in the same manner as is provided
17 by law for the salary provided in R.S. 24:31.1. Each member shall be required to file
18 with the presiding officer, prior to payment of the allowance each month, an itemized
19 statement of expenses, and appropriate invoices or receipts supporting the same. The
20 amount of the allowance paid to each member each month shall be equal to the total
21 amount of the itemized statement, provided that in no case shall the total
22 reimbursement **for each member of the House of Representatives** exceed five
23 hundred dollars, **and in no case shall the total reimbursement for each member**
24 **of the Senate exceed one thousand dollars.**
25 * * *"

26 AMENDMENT NO. 5

27 On page 5, delete lines 5 through 12 and insert the following:

28 "C.(1)(a) Each legislative assistant employed full time and who either has
29 at least one year of experience or receives at least eighty percent of the total
30 compensation available to the employing legislator for his **legislative** assistants,
31 including all step increases authorized by law, may participate in the state's group
32 life, health, and hospitalization insurance program and the state employees'
33 retirement system. Any legislative assistant who does not meet the criteria set forth
34 herein shall not be eligible to participate in these or any other benefits accruing under
35 law to state employees.
36 **(b) Each office clerical staff employed full time and who either has at**
37 **least one year of experience or receives at least eighty percent of the total**
38 **compensation available to the employing legislator for his office clerical staff,**
39 **including all step increases authorized by law, may participate in the state's**
40 **group life, health, and hospitalization insurance program and the state**
41 **employees' retirement system. Any office clerical staff who does not meet the**

1 **criteria set forth herein shall not be eligible to participate in these or any other**
2 **benefits accruing under law to state employees."**