

ACT No. 954

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 §31.1. Salary for members; expense allowance; mileage allowance

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5 (2)(a) During the interim between sessions each member shall also be paid,
6 for actual attendance at meetings of legislative committees of which he is a member
7 and for any meeting or activity when attending to official legislative business for no
8 more than ten days per month, a mileage allowance at the rate provided in Paragraph
9 (1) of this Subsection for actual travel to and from the site of such meetings or
10 activities.

11 (b) Mileage allowance ~~for legislative committee meetings~~ provided for in
12 this Paragraph shall be paid only upon the filing by the member of a voucher with
13 the respective presiding officer ~~of a voucher~~ for each such meeting or activity. The
14 legislature or either house may, by appropriate resolution, provide that no mileage
15 allowance shall be paid in the case of particular committees, ~~or particular meetings,~~
16 or activities.

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18 E.(1) In addition to the salary, compensation, and all other allowances
19 provided by law for members of the legislature, each member of the legislature shall
20 be paid a monthly expense allowance, as referred to in R.S. 11:403(10), in the
21 amount of five hundred dollars per month for expenses in connection with the
22 holding or conduct of their office. Warrants for the payment of such allowance shall
23 be in accordance with, and subject to, Subsection B of this Section.

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

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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: _____