Tucker (HB 631) **Act No. 72**

Provides for the expenses of the legislature and legislative service agencies. Appropriates $67,377,543 from the state general fund for FY 2011-2012 including the following:

House of Representatives	$ 27,607,568
Senate	$ 18,841,703
Legislative Auditor	$ 9,314,823
Legislative Fiscal Office	$ 2,430,297
Louisiana State Law Institute	$ 1,033,509
Legislative Budgetary Control Council	$ 8,149,643
Total state general fund	$ 67,377,543

Provides for the allocation of funds for salaries and allowances of members, officers, and staff of the House and Senate. Provides the balance on June 30, 2011, of the fund created by Act No. 513, §13 of the 2008 R.S. is appropriated to the Legislative Budgetary Control Council.

Appropriates $350,000 from the state general fund to establish the Legislative Auditor Ancillary Enterprise Fund as an agency working capital fund; appropriates $21,869,566 from the fund, which is authorized to be used for expenses of the auditor's office.

Retains provisions of existing law allowing legislative assistants who were employed on or before Dec. 1, 2007, to retain the salary they were earning on Dec. 1, 2007.

New law provides that for FY 2011-2012 the per diem and salaries of members and officers of the legislature shall not increase over the rate on June 30, 2011. New law further provides that the monthly allotment during FY 2011-2012 available to a member of the legislature to employ one or more legislative assistants shall not exceed the monthly amount available to each member on June 30, 2011. New law provides that no legislative employee shall be eligible for or granted a merit increase during FY 2011-2012.

Effective July 1, 2011.