

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 98

Short Title: Legislative Salary Adjustments. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Weinstein; Blake and Kinnaird.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

February 12, 2007

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ADJUST LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION, WHICH HAS
3 REMAINED UNCHANGED SINCE 1994.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 120-3 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 120-3. Pay of members and officers of the General Assembly.

7 (a) Members and certain officers of the General Assembly shall receive annual
8 salaries and expense allowances, both payable monthly, as follows:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Expense Allowance</u>
9 <u>Speaker</u>	<u>\$40,249</u>	<u>\$1,490.00</u>
10 <u>President Pro Tempore</u>	<u>40,249</u>	<u>1,490.00</u>
11 <u>Speaker Pro Tempore</u>	<u>22,934</u>	<u>881.00</u>
12 <u>Deputy President Pro Tempore</u>	<u>22,934</u>	<u>881.00</u>
13 <u>Majority and Minority Leaders</u>	<u>17,986</u>	<u>702.00</u>
14 <u>All other members</u>	<u>14,718</u>	<u>589.00</u>

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16 ~~The Speaker of the House shall be paid an annual salary of thirty eight thousand one~~
17 ~~hundred fifty one dollars (\$38,151) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of one~~
18 ~~thousand four hundred thirteen dollars (\$1,413) per month. The President Pro Tempore~~
19 ~~of the Senate shall be paid an annual salary of thirty eight thousand one hundred~~
20 ~~fifty one dollars (\$38,151) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of one thousand~~
21 ~~four hundred thirteen dollars (\$1,413) per month. The Speaker Pro Tempore of the~~
22 ~~House shall be paid an annual salary of twenty one thousand seven hundred thirty nine~~
23 ~~dollars (\$21,739) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of eight hundred~~
24 ~~thirty six dollars (\$836.00) per month. The Deputy President Pro Tempore of the Senate~~
25 ~~shall be paid an annual salary of twenty one thousand seven hundred thirty nine dollars~~
26 ~~(\$21,739) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of eight hundred thirty six~~
27 ~~dollars (\$836.00) per month. The majority and minority leaders in the House and the~~
28 ~~majority and minority leaders in the Senate shall be paid an annual salary of seventeen~~

1 thousand forty eight dollars (\$17,048) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of
2 six hundred sixty six dollars (\$666.00) per month.

3 (b) Every other member of the General Assembly shall receive increases in
4 annual salary only to the extent of and in the amounts equal to the average increases
5 received by employees of the State, effective upon convening of the next Regular
6 Session of the General Assembly after enactment of these increased amounts, except no
7 such increase is granted upon the convening of the 1997 Regular Session of the General
8 Assembly. Accordingly, upon convening of the 1997 Regular Session of the General
9 Assembly, every other member of the General Assembly shall be paid an annual salary
10 of thirteen thousand nine hundred fifty one dollars (\$13,951) payable monthly, and an
11 expense allowance of five hundred fifty nine dollars (\$559.00) per month.

12 (c) The salary and expense allowances provided in this section are in addition to
13 any per diem compensation and any subsistence and travel allowance authorized by any
14 other law with respect to any regular or extra session of the General Assembly, and
15 service on any State board, agency, commission, standing committee and study
16 commission."

17 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 120-3.1(a) reads as rewritten:

18 "(a) In addition to compensation for their services, members of the General
19 Assembly shall be paid the following allowances:

20 (1) A weekly travel allowance for each week or fraction thereof that the
21 General Assembly is in regular or extra session. The amount of the
22 weekly travel allowance shall be calculated for each member by
23 multiplying the actual round-trip mileage from that member's home to
24 the City of Raleigh by the rate per mile which is the business standard
25 mileage rate set by the Internal Revenue Service in Rev. Proc. 93-51,
26 December 27, 1993, Rev. Proc. 2006-49, November 20, 2006.

27 (2) A travel allowance at the rate which is the business standard mileage
28 rate set by the Internal Revenue Service in Rev. Proc. 93-51,
29 December 27, 1993, Rev. Proc. 2006-49, November 20, 2006,
30 whenever the member travels, whether in or out of session, as a
31 representative of the General Assembly or of its committees or
32 commissions, with the approval of the Legislative Services
33 Commission.

34 (3) A subsistence allowance for meals and lodging at a daily rate equal to
35 ~~the maximum per diem rate for federal employees traveling to Raleigh,~~
36 ~~North Carolina, as set out at 58 Federal Register 67959 (December 22,~~
37 ~~1993), of one hundred thirty-four dollars (\$134.00) while the General~~
38 Assembly is in session and, except as otherwise provided in this
39 subdivision, while the General Assembly is not in session when, with
40 the approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the case
41 of Representatives or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate in case
42 of Senators, the member is:

43 a. Traveling as a representative of the General Assembly or of its
44 committees or commissions, or

1 b. Otherwise in the service of the State.

2 A member who is authorized to travel, whether in or out of
3 session, within the United States outside North Carolina, may elect to
4 receive, in lieu of the amount provided in the preceding paragraph, a
5 subsistence allowance of twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) a day for meals,
6 plus actual expenses for lodging when evidenced by a receipt
7 satisfactory to the Legislative Services Officer, the latter not to exceed
8 the maximum per diem rate for federal employees traveling to the
9 same place, as set out at ~~58 Federal Register 67950-67964 (December~~
10 ~~22, 1993)~~ General Services Administration Per Diem Bulletin 07-1,
11 August 3, 2006 (71 Federal Register 43772-43772, August 2, 2006)
12 and at ~~59 Federal Register 23702-23709 (May 6, 1994)~~. General
13 Services Administration Per Diem Bulletin 07-2, November 22, 2006
14 (71 Federal Register 70394, December 4, 2006).

15 (4) A member may be reimbursed for registration fees as permitted by the
16 Legislative Services Commission."

17 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective upon convening of the 2009
18 Regular Session of the General Assembly.