

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 1482
HOUSE BILL 2048

AN ACT REVISING THE PAY AND ALLOWANCES OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 120-3 is rewritten to read as follows:

"§ 120-3. **Pay of members and officers of the General Assembly.** — (a) The Speaker of the House shall be paid an annual salary of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000), payable monthly, and an expense allowance of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per month. The President pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker pro tempore of the House, the minority leader in the House and the minority leader in the Senate shall each be paid an annual salary of six thousand dollars (\$6,000), payable monthly, and an expense allowance of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per month. Every other member of the General Assembly shall be paid an annual salary of four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$4,800), payable monthly, and an expense allowance of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per month. The salary and expense allowances provided in this action are in addition to any per diem compensation and any subsistence and travel allowance authorized by any other law with respect to any regular or extra session of the General Assembly, and service on any State board, agency, commission, standing committee and study commission."

Sec. 2. G.S. 120-3.1 is rewritten to read as follows:

"§ 120-3.1. **Subsistence and travel allowances for members of the General Assembly.** — (a) In addition to compensation for their services, members of the General Assembly shall be paid the following allowances:

- i. A weekly travel allowance for each week or fraction thereof that the General Assembly is in regular or extra session. The amount of the weekly travel allowance shall be calculated for each member by multiplying the actual round-trip mileage from that member's home to the City of Raleigh by the rate per mile allowed to State employees for official travel,
- ii. A travel allowance at the rate allowed by statute for State employees whenever the member is traveling as a representative of the General Assembly or of its committees or commissions, whether in or out of session, when such travel has been authorized by the Legislative Services Commission,
- iii. A subsistence allowance in the amount of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per day for each day of the period during which the General Assembly remains in session,
- iv. A subsistence allowance in the sum of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per day for each day on official legislative business, when the General Assembly is not in session, when traveling as a representative of the General Assembly or of its committees or commissions, with the approval of the Legislative Services Commission.

(b) Payment of travel and subsistence allowances shall be made to members of the General Assembly only after certification by the claimant as to the correctness thereof on forms

prescribed by the Legislative Services Commission. Claims for travel and subsistence payments shall be paid at such times as may be prescribed by the Legislative Services Commission.

(c) When the General Assembly by joint action of the two houses adjourns to a day certain, which day is more than three days after the date of adjournment, the period between the date of adjournment and the date of reconvening shall for the purposes of this section be deemed to be a period when the General Assembly is not in session, and no member shall be entitled to subsistence and travel allowance during that period, except under circumstances which would entitle him to subsistence and travel allowance when the General Assembly is not in session."

Sec. 3. Effective as of the end of the term of the members of the 1973 General Assembly, G.S. 120-4.1 is repealed, subject to the following provisions to preserve vested and inchoate rights in the Legislative Retirement Fund:

(a) All persons who have at least four terms of creditable service as of the end of the 1973 term shall be entitled to receive the retirement benefits provided under G.S. 120-4.1 as it existed prior to this repealing act, but no credit shall be given for any service performed after the end of the 1973 term.

(b) Solely for purposes of administering the benefits authorized by this act, the authority and duties created by G.S. 120-4.1 as it existed prior to this repealing act shall continue in effect.

Sec. 4. This act shall become effective as of the end of the term of the members of the 1973 General Assembly.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 13th day of April, 1974.