

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE DRS55024-LB-60 (1/30)

Short Title: Legislative Salary Adjustments. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Weinstein.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ADJUST LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION, WHICH HAS  
REMAINED UNCHANGED SINCE 1994.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

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

1 majority and minority leaders in the Senate shall be paid an annual salary of seventeen  
2 thousand forty eight dollars (\$17,048) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of  
3 six hundred sixty six dollars (\$666.00) per month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1 a. Traveling as a representative of the General Assembly or of its  
2 committees or commissions, or  
3 b. Otherwise in the service of the State.

4 A member who is authorized to travel, whether in or out of  
5 session, within the United States outside North Carolina, may elect to  
6 receive, in lieu of the amount provided in the preceding paragraph, a  
7 subsistence allowance of twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) a day for meals,  
8 plus actual expenses for lodging when evidenced by a receipt  
9 satisfactory to the Legislative Services Officer, the latter not to exceed  
10 the maximum per diem rate for federal employees traveling to the  
11 same place, as set out at ~~58 Federal Register 67950-67964 (December~~  
12 ~~22, 1993)~~ General Services Administration Per Diem Bulletin 07-1,  
13 August 3, 2006 (71 Federal Register 43772-43772, August 2, 2006)  
14 and at ~~59 Federal Register 23702-23709 (May 6, 1994).~~ General  
15 Services Administration Per Diem Bulletin 07-2, November 22, 2006  
16 (71 Federal Register 70394, December 4, 2006).

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

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