

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 604

Short Title: Legislative Pay. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Womble, Parmon (Primary Sponsors); Bell, Blackwood, Bryant, Fisher, and Pierce.

Referred to: State Personnel, if favorable, Appropriations.

March 13, 2007

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO UPDATE THE SALARY AND EXPENSE ALLOWANCES FOR
3 MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REFLECT SALARY
4 INCREASES GRANTED TO STATE EMPLOYEES SINCE THE LAST
5 LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT IN 1994, AND TO CHANGE
6 THE PER DIEM ALLOWANCE FROM THAT FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES IN
7 1993 TO THAT IN 2006.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** Effective upon convening of the 2009 Regular Session of the
10 General Assembly, G.S. 120-3 reads as rewritten:

11 "**§ 120-3. Pay of members and officers of the General Assembly.**

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

<u>Office</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Expense Allowance</u>
<u>Speaker</u>	<u>\$52,257</u>	<u>\$1,935.00</u>
<u>President Pro Tempore</u>	<u>52,257</u>	<u>1,935.00</u>
<u>Speaker Pro Tempore</u>	<u>30,716</u>	<u>1,181.00</u>
<u>Deputy President Pro Tempore</u>	<u>30,716</u>	<u>1,181.00</u>
<u>Majority and Minority Leaders</u>	<u>24,651</u>	<u>963.00</u>
<u>All other members</u>	<u>20,648</u>	<u>827.00</u>

21 ~~The Speaker of the House shall be paid an annual salary of thirty-eight thousand one~~
22 ~~hundred fifty one dollars (\$38,151) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of one~~
23 ~~thousand four hundred thirteen dollars (\$1,413) per month. The President Pro Tempore~~
24 ~~of the Senate shall be paid an annual salary of thirty-eight thousand one hundred~~
25 ~~fifty one dollars (\$38,151) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of one thousand~~
26 ~~four hundred thirteen dollars (\$1,413) per month. The Speaker Pro Tempore of the~~
27 ~~House shall be paid an annual salary of twenty one thousand seven hundred thirty nine~~
28 ~~dollars (\$21,739) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of eight hundred~~

1 ~~thirty six dollars (\$836.00) per month. The Deputy President Pro Tempore of the Senate~~
2 ~~shall be paid an annual salary of twenty one thousand seven hundred thirty nine dollars~~
3 ~~(\$21,739) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of eight hundred thirty six~~
4 ~~dollars (\$836.00) per month. The majority and minority leaders in the House and the~~
5 ~~majority and minority leaders in the Senate shall be paid an annual salary of seventeen~~
6 ~~thousand forty eight dollars (\$17,048) payable monthly, and an expense allowance of~~
7 ~~six hundred sixty six dollars (\$666.00) per month.~~

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

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

22 **SECTION 2.** Effective upon convening of the 2009 Regular Session of the
23 General Assembly, G.S. 120-3.1(a)(3) reads as rewritten:

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

- 26 ...
- 27 (3) A subsistence allowance for meals and lodging at a daily rate ~~equal to~~
28 ~~the maximum per diem rate for federal employees traveling to Raleigh,~~
29 ~~North Carolina, as set out at 58 Federal Register 67959 (December 22,~~
30 ~~1993), of one hundred thirty-four dollars (\$134.00) while the General~~
31 ~~Assembly is in session and, except as otherwise provided in this~~
32 ~~subdivision, while the General Assembly is not in session when, with~~
33 ~~the approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives in the case~~
34 ~~of Representatives or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate in case~~
35 ~~of Senators, the member is:~~
- 36 a. Traveling as a representative of the General Assembly or of its
 - 37 committees or commissions, or
 - 38 b. Otherwise in the service of the State.

39 A member who is authorized to travel, whether in or out of session,
40 within the United States outside North Carolina, may elect to receive,
41 in lieu of the amount provided in the preceding paragraph, a
42 subsistence allowance of twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) a day for meals,
43 plus actual expenses for lodging when evidenced by a receipt
44 satisfactory to the Legislative Services Officer, the latter not to exceed

1 the maximum per diem rate for federal employees traveling to the
2 same place, as set out at ~~58 Federal Register 67950-67964 (December~~
3 ~~22, 1993)~~ General Services Administration Per Diem Bulletin 07-1,
4 August 3, 2006 (71 Federal Register 43772-43772, August 2, 2006)
5 and at ~~59 Federal Register 23702-23709 (May 6, 1994).~~ General
6 Services Administration Per Diem Bulletin 07-2, November 22, 2006
7 (71 Federal Register 70394, December 4, 2006)."

8 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective upon convening of the 2009
9 Regular Session of the General Assembly.