

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0055

Legislative pay.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Simons and Anderson, R.
and Senator(s) Barton

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the legislature; providing for a
2 constituent service allowance; increasing the salary and
3 per diem paid to legislators as specified; providing an
4 appropriation; and providing for an effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 28-5-106 is created to read:

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10 **28-5-106. Constituent service allowance.**

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12 (a) There is created a constituent service allowance
13 account within the special revenue fund. All interest
14 earned on funds within this account shall be deposited in
15 the account. The legislative service office shall oversee
16 and provide reimbursement from the account.

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2 (b) Each member of the legislature is entitled to
3 receive a constituent service allowance as provided under
4 this section. This allowance is intended to defray expenses
5 incurred by each member in providing service to and on
6 behalf of their constituents, which services are in
7 addition to attending sessions of the legislature,
8 attending meetings of interim committees and engaging in
9 authorized interim work for which salary, per diem and
10 mileage is authorized by law. The allowance is subject to
11 the following:

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13 (i) The allowance shall be paid quarterly from
14 the constituent service allowance account upon submission
15 by the legislator to the legislative service office of a
16 claim form verifying that he is a member of the legislature
17 and thereby entitled to the allowance under this section.
18 To the extent funds appropriated for purposes of this
19 section are not sufficient to pay vouchers, payment shall
20 be made on a proportional basis. Legislators may request
21 payment of less than the full amount of the allowance;

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1 (ii) The allowance shall be four hundred fifty
2 dollars (\$450.00) per calendar quarter or fractional
3 portion thereof that the member is in office.

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5 **Section 2.** W.S. 28-5-101(b), (d) and (e) and by
6 creating a new subsection (f) is amended to read:

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8 **28-5-101. Schedule of compensation, per diem and**
9 **travel expenses.**

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11 (b) The amount to be received by each member of the
12 legislature for expenses is increased to forty-four dollars
13 (\$44.00) per day effective January 1, 1980, to sixty
14 dollars (\$60.00) per day effective January 1, 1983, ~~and~~ to
15 eighty dollars (\$80.00) per day effective January 9, 1995
16 and to eighty-five dollars (\$85.00) per day effective
17 January 3, 2005.

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19 (d) From and after January 1, 1985, each member of
20 the legislature shall receive seventy-five dollars (\$75.00)
21 per day as salary and thirty-five cents (\$.35) per mile for
22 necessary travel to attend and return from the legislature.
23 From and after January 9, 1995, each member of the
24 legislature shall receive one hundred twenty-five dollars

1 (\$125.00) per day as salary in addition to the mileage rate
2 provided for in this subsection. From and after January 3,
3 2005, each member of the legislature shall receive one
4 hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per day as salary in
5 addition to the mileage rate provided for in this
6 subsection.

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8 (e) During the interim each member of the legislature
9 shall be paid the following amounts, subject to subsection
10 (f) of this section:

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12 (i) The full daily statutory salary for ~~only the~~
13 four (4) days ~~during which~~ per month for each month the
14 legislature is not in session;

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16 (ii) The full daily statutory salary for each
17 day the member is engaged in work for the management
18 council, a standing committee, interim committee, select
19 committee or a committee authorized by law;~~;~~

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21 (iii) One-half (1/2) the full daily statutory
22 salary for each day the member is engaged in work for the
23 management council, a standing committee, interim
24 committee, select committee or a committee authorized by

1 law to allow the member to prepare for the interim
2 activity;

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4 (iv) The member shall be paid Full daily
5 statutory per diem for each day during which he travels to
6 engage in, return from or engages in an interim activity
7 for which he is entitled to receive salary under paragraph
8 (ii) of this subsection, or an activity approved by the
9 management council or the chairman of an interim committee
10 of which he is a member; and

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12 (v) The member shall be paid Statutory mileage
13 for necessary travel to attend and return from an approved
14 interim activity.

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16 (f) Notwithstanding subsection (e) of this section,
17 no member of the legislature shall receive a salary in any
18 month the legislature is not in session in excess of the
19 amount equal to the full daily statutory salary multiplied
20 by the number of days in that month.

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22 **Section 3.** There is appropriated one hundred sixty-
23 two thousand dollars (\$162,000.00) from the general fund to
24 the constituent service allowance account created under

1 W.S. 28-5-106(a). For purposes of this act for the fiscal
2 year beginning July 1, 2002.

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4 **Section 4.**

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6 (a) Sections 1 and 3 of this act are effective July
7 1, 2002.

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9 (b) Section 2 of this act is effective January 3,
10 2005.

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