

ENROLLED ACT NO. 48, SENATE

FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING  
2002 SPECIAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to an appropriation to the legislature; providing appropriations for the legislative branch of state government; and providing for effective dates.

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

**Section 1.** There is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office the following specified amounts, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the costs and expenses of the fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh Wyoming legislatures through June 30, 2004:

SALARIES 3.	
Permanent/Temporary.....	\$3,290,000
Legislators - Session.....	946,500
Legislators - Interim.....	378,000
Session Staff.....	698,000
Employer Paid Benefits.....	1,208,000
IN-STATE TRAVEL	
Mileage and Per Diem - Session.....	666,500
Mileage and Per Diem - Interim.....	610,500
OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL 1.	
Travel Expenses.....	81,057
Per Diem.....	150,200
ANNUAL DUES (both FY 2003 and 2004)	
National Conference of State Legislatures.	166,500
The Energy Council.....	64,000
Council of State Governments.....	131,200
REGISTRATION FEES.....	63,730
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTAGE.....	190,000

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT 2.....	711,500
(Information technology, copying, supplies and equipment, furniture, contract services, special projects, etc.)	
STATUTES, SESSION LAWS AND DIGESTS.....	375,000
CONTRACT SERVICES-SCHOOL FINANCE AUDITS.....	<u>325,000</u>
TOTAL.....	\$10,055,687

1. [NCSL] - All members of the legislature and all professional staff of the Legislative Service Office are authorized to attend the 2002 annual convention of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

2. [Legislature Computer Equipment] - Not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) shall be used for the lease or purchase of laptop computers and support systems for the laptops. Expenditure of funds under this footnote shall be subject to approval of the select committee on the legislature. Any proceeds received from the sale of any laptop computer shall not be deposited into the general fund but shall be added to this appropriation and are hereby reappropriated to the legislative service office for the purchase of replacement laptop computers.

3. [Employer paid benefits] - Of the amounts appropriated to the legislative service office for employer paid benefits, the management council may authorize up to one hundred eight thousand dollars (\$108,000.00) to be applied to the premium for health insurance coverage of dependents of qualifying legislative branch employees in order for those employees to receive the same state contribution for

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dependent coverage as provided for executive and judicial branch employees under 2002 Senate File 0002.

**Section 2.** [Standard Provision] - The management council may transfer funds from one expense category to another under section 1 of this act as the activities of the legislature may require.

**Section 3.** [Standard Provision] - The appropriation for out-of-state travel under this act shall be used to reimburse legislators for documented legislative travel and per diem expenses to meetings including, but not limited to, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the Council of State Governments and The Energy Council. Reimbursements shall be made with the permission of the speaker of the house or the president of the senate, in accordance with policies of the management council.

**Section 4.** [Carry Forward of Prior Appropriations]

(a) The unobligated portions of the following appropriations are hereby re-appropriated to the legislative service office subject to any conditions in the original appropriations:

(i) Appropriation for reapportionment of the legislature, 2000 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 94, Section 5;

(ii) Appropriation for artwork conservation, 2000 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 94, Section 7;

(iii) Appropriation for chambers furnishings, 2001 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 139, Section 321;

(iv) Appropriation for computer equipment, 2001 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 139, Section 326;

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(v) Appropriation for chambers furnishings, 2001 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 139, Section 330;

(vi) Appropriation for computer programming and website development, 2001 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 139, Section 331.

**Section 5.** [Constituent Service Allowance]

(a) During the period July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2004, each member of the legislature is entitled to receive a constituent service allowance as provided under this section. This allowance is intended to defray expenses incurred by each member in providing service to and on behalf of his constituents, which services are in addition to attending sessions of the legislature, attending meetings of interim committees and engaging in authorized interim work for which salary, per diem and mileage are authorized by law. The allowance is subject to the following:

(i) The allowance shall be paid quarterly upon submission by the legislator of a claim form verifying that he is a member of the legislature and thereby entitled to the allowance under this section;

(ii) Claim forms shall be submitted to the legislative service office not later than the last day of the month following the calendar quarter for which the allowance under this section is being claimed;

(iii) To the extent funds appropriated under this section are not sufficient to pay claims, payment shall be made on a proportional basis. Legislators may

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request payment of less than the full amount of the allowance;

(iv) The allowance shall be seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) per calendar quarter or fractional portion thereof that the member is in office. Except that the allowance shall not be paid for the first calendar quarter of 2003 unless that person will be a member of the fifty-seventh legislature.

(b) Two hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$270,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office to be used for the constituent service allowance.

(c) If 2002 House Bill 0055 is enacted into law, the appropriation in subsection (b) of this section shall be transferred to the constituent service allowance account created by W.S. 28-5-106(a) to be used to fund the constituent service allowance for the period July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004, and subsection (a) of this section shall not be effective.

**Section 6.** [Update of Econometric Model for Mineral Tax Incentives] Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office to be used exclusively for updating the econometric model to evaluate mineral tax incentives developed pursuant to 1999 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 168, Section 3, during the 2003-2004 biennium. These funds shall be expended only with the approval of the management council.

**Section 7.** [Effective Immediate Appropriations]

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(a) Six thousand eight hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$6,837.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office for constituent service allowance claims submitted for the period October 1, 2001, through December 31, 2001, and eighty-one thousand dollars (\$81,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office for constituent service allowance claims for the period January 1, 2002, through June 30, 2002. Payment of claims shall be subject to the conditions provided in 2000 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 94, Section 10.

(b) Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office for out-of-state travel for the period ending June 30, 2002, subject to the conditions provided in 2000 Wyo. Session Laws, Ch. 94, Section 3.

(c) Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office for legislator salaries and employer paid benefits to cover interim committee activities for the period ending June 30, 2002.

(d) Ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office for expenses of the special legislative session convening February 11, 2002.

(e) Two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office for the purpose of purchasing nametags for legislators' desks.

(f) Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office to

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be expended by the select committee on legislative facilities, in consultation with the Wyoming state museum, for artwork in the chambers of the Wyoming legislature.

(g) Seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office to be expended by the select committee on legislative facilities for legislative furnishings.

(h) Six thousand eight hundred forty dollars (\$6,840.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office to increase the contribution to the state health insurance plan under W.S. 9-3-210 by seventy-six dollars (\$76.00) per month for each qualifying legislative branch employee.

**Section 8.** [Additional travel] Legislators shall be authorized mileage for one (1) additional trip to travel to their residence and return to the legislature during the 2003 general session. There is appropriated twelve thousand nine hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$12,988.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office for the purposes of this section.

**Section 9.** [Additional travel] Legislators shall be authorized mileage for one (1) additional trip to travel to their residence and return to the legislature during the 2004 budget session. There is appropriated twelve thousand nine hundred eighty-eight dollars (\$12,988.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office for the purposes of this section.

**Section 10.** [Additional per diem] Subject to management council approval, legislators may be authorized not to exceed five (5) additional days per diem for a mid-session recess during the 2003 general session.

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Notwithstanding W.S. 28-5-101, legislative salary shall not be paid for any days the legislature is in recess under this section. There is appropriated fifty thousand four hundred dollars (\$50,400.00) from the general fund to the legislative service office for the purposes of this section.

**Section 11.** [Electrical work] Forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office for legislative facilities electrical work.

**Section 12.** [Computer support] Sixty-three thousand dollars (\$63,000.00) is appropriated from the general fund to the legislative service office for the purposes of computer support including software licensing and upgrades, server upgrade, program adjustments and RealAudio support. Expenditure of funds under this section shall be subject to approval by the select committee on the legislature.



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**Section 13.** [Effective date] - Section 7 of this act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution. The balance of this act is effective July 1, 2002.

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Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Governor

TIME APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

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Chief Clerk