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SENATE FILE 21
BY MCKIBBEN

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act reducing the number of days of payment for the expenses of
2 office for members of the general assembly during a regular
3 legislative session.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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SF 21
STATE GOVERNMENT

1 Section 1. Section 2.10, subsection 1, Code 2003, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. a. Every member of the general assembly except the
4 presiding officer of the senate, the speaker of the house, the
5 majority and minority floor leader of each house, and the
6 president pro tempore of the senate and speaker pro tempore of
7 the house, shall receive an annual salary of twenty thousand
8 one hundred twenty dollars for the year 1997 and subsequent
9 years while serving as a member of the general assembly.

10 b. In addition, each such member shall receive the sum of
11 eighty-six dollars per day for expenses of office, except
12 travel, for each day the general assembly is in session
13 commencing with the first day of a legislative session and
14 ending with the day of final adjournment of each legislative
15 session as indicated by the journals of the house and senate,
16 ~~except-that.~~ However, if the length of the first regular
17 session of the general assembly exceeds one hundred ~~ten~~
18 calendar days and the second regular session exceeds ~~one~~
19 hundred ninety calendar days, the payments shall be made only
20 for one hundred ~~ten~~ calendar days for the first session and
21 ~~one-hundred~~ ninety calendar days for the second session.
22 Members from Polk county shall receive sixty-five dollars per
23 day.

24 c. Each member shall receive a two hundred dollar per
25 month allowance for legislative district constituency postage,
26 travel, telephone costs, and other expenses.

27 d. Travel expenses shall be paid at the rate established
28 by section 18.117 for actual travel in going to and returning
29 from the seat of government by the nearest traveled route for
30 not more than one time per week during a legislative session.

31 EXPLANATION

32 This bill reduces the number of days of payment for the
33 expenses of office for members of the general assembly during
34 a regular legislative session.

35 Under current law in Code section 2.10, subsection 1, such

1 payment is limited to 110 calendar days during the first
2 regular session in odd-numbered years and 100 calendar days
3 during the second regular session in even-numbered years. The
4 bill reduces the limitation by 10 calendar days for each
5 regular session. In addition, the bill divides the subsection
6 into lettered paragraphs.

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SF 21 - IA Code 2.10, Legislative Session Length (LSB 1077 XS)
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Fiscal Note Version - New

Description

Senate File 21 limits the payment of per diem to members of the General Assembly during a Regular Session to the maximum of 100 calendar days rather than 110 calendar days during the first regular session in odd-numbered years and 90 calendar days rather than 100 calendar days during the second regular session in even-numbered years as currently provided for in Section 2.10, Code of Iowa.

Assumptions

1. There are 19 legislative members from Polk County, each receiving \$65 per diem per day.
2. There are 131 legislative members from outside Polk County, each receiving \$86 per diem per day.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of SF 21 is a savings to the General Fund of approximately \$125,000 annually for Legislator per diem.

/s/ Dennis C Prouty

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