

Legislative Fiscal Bureau

Fiscal Note

HF 300 - General Assembly Length Reduction (LSB 1861 HH)
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Description

House File 300 modifies the salary and per diem expenses paid to the members of the General Assembly, and is effective upon the convening of the 81st General Assembly in January of 2005.

The Bill limits the payment of per diem to the current 110 days during odd-numbered years and reduces the payment of per diem to 60 days during even-numbered years, instead of the current 100 days.

The Bill also increase the per diem amount, from the current \$86 per day to \$101 per day for members not residing in Polk County, and from the current \$65 per day to \$76 per day for members residing in Polk County.

The Bill changes the salaries for members of the General Assembly as follows:

	Odd-Numbered Years	
	Current	Proposed
Members	\$ 21,381	\$ 25,800
Speaker of the House	32,974	39,100
Senate President	32,974	39,100
Majority Leader	32,974	39,100
Minority Leader	32,974	39,100
Pro Tempore	22,624	26,850

	Even-Numbered Years	
	Current	Proposed
Members	\$ 21,381	\$ 14,000
Speaker of the House	32,974	26,850
Senate President	32,974	26,850
Majority Leader	32,974	26,850
Minority Leader	32,974	26,850
Pro Tempore	22,624	18,400

Assumptions

1. House File 300 takes effect January 2005.
2. The General Assembly will continue to have 150 members.
3. Per diem payment days will be limited as follows:
 - a. Odd-numbered years - 110 days
 - b. Even-numbered years - 60 days
4. Per diem rate payments will increase as follows:
 - a. Members residing outside Polk County – from \$86 per day to \$101 per day.
 - b. Members residing in Polk County – from \$65 per day to \$76 per day.

5. Member salaries will change as reflected above.

Fiscal Impact

The total fiscal impact of HF 300 over a two-year biennium is a savings of approximately \$551,000.

During odd-numbered years, the total fiscal impact will be an increase in costs of approximately \$912,000. Salaries will cost an additional \$673,000 and per diem payments will increase approximately \$239,000.

During even-numbered years, the total fiscal impact will be a decrease in costs of approximately \$1,463,000. Salaries will decrease approximately \$1,093,000 million and per diem payments will decrease approximately \$370,000.

/s/ Dennis C Prouty

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The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.
