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STATE GOVERNMENT

HOUSE FILE 300
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the compensation of members of the general
2 assembly during a regular legislative session and providing an
3 effective date.

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

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HF 300

1 Section 1. Section 2.10, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2003,
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 1. 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~~ a salary of twenty twenty-
8 five thousand one eight hundred twenty dollars for the year
9 ~~1997~~ 2005 and subsequent odd-numbered years, and a salary of
10 fourteen thousand dollars for the year 2006 and subsequent
11 even-numbered years, while serving as a member of the general
12 assembly. In addition, each such member shall receive the sum
13 of ~~eighty-six~~ one hundred one dollars per day for expenses of
14 office, except travel, for each day the general assembly is in
15 session commencing with the first day of a legislative session
16 and ending with the day of final adjournment of each
17 legislative session as indicated by the journals of the house
18 and senate, except that if the length of the first regular
19 session of the general assembly exceeds one hundred ten
20 calendar days and the second regular session exceeds one
21 hundred sixty calendar days, the payments shall be made only
22 for one hundred ten calendar days for the first session and
23 one-hundred sixty calendar days for the second session.
24 Members from Polk county shall receive ~~sixty-five~~ seventy-six
25 dollars per day. Each member shall receive a two hundred
26 dollar per month allowance for legislative district
27 constituency postage, travel, telephone costs, and other
28 expenses. Travel expenses shall be paid at the rate
29 established by section 18.117 for actual travel in going to
30 and returning from the seat of government by the nearest
31 traveled route for not more than one time per week during a
32 legislative session.

33 2. The speaker of the house, presiding officer of the
34 senate, and the majority and minority floor leader of each
35 house shall each receive ~~an-annual~~ a salary of thirty-one

1 thirty-nine thousand thirty one hundred dollars for the year
2 1997 2005 and subsequent odd-numbered years, and a salary of
3 twenty-six thousand eight hundred fifty dollars for the year
4 2006 and subsequent even-numbered years, while serving in that
5 capacity. The president pro tempore of the senate and the
6 speaker pro tempore of the house shall receive ~~an annual~~ a
7 salary of ~~twenty-one~~ twenty-six thousand ~~two~~ eight hundred
8 ninety fifty dollars for the year ~~1997 2005~~ and subsequent
9 odd-numbered years, and a salary of eighteen thousand four
10 hundred dollars for the year 2006 and subsequent even-numbered
11 years, while serving in that capacity. Expense and travel
12 allowances shall be the same for the speaker of the house and
13 the presiding officer of the senate, the president pro tempore
14 of the senate and the speaker pro tempore of the house, and
15 the majority and minority leader of each house as provided for
16 other members of the general assembly.

17 Sec. 2. Section 2.10, subsection 8, Code 2003, is amended
18 by striking the subsection.

19 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect upon the
20 convening of the Eighty-first General Assembly in January
21 2005.

22 EXPLANATION

23 This bill modifies the salary and per diem expenses paid to
24 members of the general assembly. The bill takes effect upon
25 the convening of the 81st General Assembly in January 2005.

26 The bill provides that members of the general assembly
27 receive \$25,800 for the first year of a general assembly (odd-
28 numbered year) and \$14,000 for the second year of a general
29 assembly (even-numbered year). Under current law, members of
30 the 80th General Assembly receive an annual salary of
31 \$21,380.54. In addition, for the speaker of the house,
32 presiding officer of the senate, and the majority and minority
33 floor leader of each house, the bill provides that they shall
34 receive \$39,100 for the first year of a general assembly and
35 \$26,850 for the second year of a general assembly instead of

1 the current annual salary of \$32,974.06. Similarly, the bill
2 provides that the president pro tempore of the senate and the
3 speaker pro tempore of the house shall receive \$26,850 for the
4 first year of a general assembly and \$18,400 for the second
5 year of a general assembly instead of the current annual
6 salary of \$22,623.84.

7 The bill also raises the payment for the expenses of office
8 during a regular legislative session to \$101 per day, from the
9 current \$86 per day, for members not residing in Polk county,
10 \$0 and \$76 per day, from the current \$65 per day, for members
11 residing in Polk county. However, the bill provides that
12 payment is limited to 60 calendar days, instead of the current
13 100 days, during the second regular session in even-numbered
14 years.

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Legislative Fiscal Bureau

Fiscal Note

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

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Fiscal Note Version — New

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
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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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