

Senate File 544 - Introduced

SENATE FILE 544
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 464)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to salaries and allowances of state elected
2 officials, and including effective date and applicability
3 provisions.

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

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DIVISION I
LEGISLATIVE SALARIES

Section 1. Section 2.10, subsections 1, 2, and 8, Code 2025, are amended to read as follows:

1. Every Subject to the annual adjustments provided in subsection 8, every member of the general assembly except the presiding officer of the senate, the speaker of the house, the majority and minority floor leader of each house, and the president pro tempore of the senate and speaker pro tempore of the house shall receive an annual salary of ~~twenty-five~~ forty-five thousand dollars for the year ~~2007~~ 2027 and subsequent years while serving as a member of the general assembly. In addition, each such member shall receive a per diem, as defined in subsection 5, for expenses of office, except travel, for each day the general assembly is in session commencing with the first day of a legislative session and ending with the day of final adjournment of each legislative session as indicated by the journals of the house and senate, except that if the length of the first regular session of the general assembly exceeds one hundred ten calendar days and the second regular session exceeds one hundred calendar days, the payments shall be made only for one hundred ten calendar days for the first session and one hundred calendar days for the second session. Members from Polk county shall receive an amount per day equal to three-fourths of the per diem of the non-Polk county members. Each member shall receive a ~~three~~ four hundred fifty dollar per month allowance for legislative district constituency postage, travel, telephone costs, and other expenses. Travel expenses shall be paid at the rate established by section 8A.363 for actual travel in going to and returning from the seat of government by the nearest traveled route for not more than one time per week during a legislative session unless the general assembly otherwise provides.

2. The Subject to the annual adjustments provided in subsection 8, the speaker of the house, presiding officer of the senate, and the majority and minority floor leader of

1 each house shall each receive an annual salary of ~~thirty-seven~~
 2 sixty-seven thousand five hundred dollars for the year ~~2007~~ 2027
 3 and subsequent years while serving in that capacity. The Subject
 4 to the annual adjustments provided in subsection 8, the president
 5 pro tempore of the senate and the speaker pro tempore of the
 6 house shall receive an annual salary of ~~twenty-seven~~ forty-nine
 7 thousand dollars for the year ~~2007~~ 2027 and subsequent years
 8 while serving in that capacity. Expense and travel allowances
 9 shall be the same for the speaker of the house and the presiding
 10 officer of the senate, the president pro tempore of the senate
 11 and the speaker pro tempore of the house, and the majority and
 12 minority leader of each house as provided for other members of
 13 the general assembly.

14 8. Commencing upon the convening of the ~~Seventy-eighth~~
 15 Ninety-second General Assembly in January ~~1999~~ 2028, and for each
 16 calendar year thereafter until calendar year 2043, the annual
 17 salaries of members and officers of the general assembly, as
 18 the annual salaries existed during the preceding calendar year,
 19 shall be adjusted by an amount equal to ~~the average of the~~
 20 ~~annual cost-of-living pay adjustments negotiated for the members~~
 21 ~~of the collective bargaining units represented by the state~~
 22 ~~police officers council labor union, the American federation~~
 23 ~~of state, county, and municipal employees, and the Iowa united~~
 24 ~~professionals for the annual cost-of-living pay adjustment~~
 25 received by executive branch noncontract state employees during
 26 the preceding fiscal year beginning July 1, 1997 or three
 27 percent, whichever is less. ~~For the calendar year 2000, during~~
 28 ~~the month of January, the annual salaries of members and officers~~
 29 ~~of the general assembly shall be adjusted by an amount equal~~
 30 ~~to the average of the annual cost-of-living pay adjustments~~
 31 ~~received by the members of those collective bargaining units for~~
 32 ~~the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1998. The annual salaries~~
 33 ~~determined for the members and officers as provided in this~~
 34 ~~section for the calendar year 2000 shall remain in effect for~~
 35 ~~subsequent calendar years until otherwise provided by the general~~

1 ~~assembly.~~ For purposes of this subsection, "noncontract state
2 employees" means state employees not covered by a collective
3 bargaining agreement under chapter 20 and who are not appointed
4 officials.

5 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. The following applies upon the
6 convening of the Ninety-second General Assembly in January 2027:

7 The portion of the section of this division of this Act
8 amending section 2.10, subsections 1 and 2.

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DIVISION II

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SALARIES OF STATEWIDE ELECTED EXECUTIVE OFFICIALS

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Sec. 3. Section 7.8, Code 2025, is amended by striking the
12 section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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7.8 Salary — governor and lieutenant governor.

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1. Subject to the annual adjustments provided in subsection
15 3, the governor shall receive an annual salary of two hundred
16 thirty thousand dollars, and the lieutenant governor shall
17 receive an annual salary of one hundred forty thousand dollars.
18 Payment of expenses and any per diem of the lieutenant governor
19 shall be as fixed by the general assembly.

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2. The salaries of the governor and lieutenant governor shall
21 be paid from moneys appropriated to the office of the governor
22 and lieutenant governor pursuant to any Act of the general
23 assembly.

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3. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2027, and for each
25 fiscal year thereafter until the fiscal year beginning July
26 1, 2042, the annual salaries of the governor and lieutenant
27 governor, as the annual salaries existed during the preceding
28 fiscal year, shall be adjusted by an amount equal to the
29 annual cost-of-living pay adjustment received by executive branch
30 noncontract state employees during the preceding fiscal year,
31 or three percent, whichever is less. For purposes of this
32 subsection, "noncontract state employees" means state employees
33 not covered by a collective bargaining agreement under chapter 20
34 and who are not appointed officials.

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Sec. 4. Section 9.5, Code 2025, is amended by striking the

1 section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

2 **9.5 Salary.**

3 1. Subject to the annual adjustments provided in subsection
4 3, the secretary of state shall receive an annual salary of one
5 hundred eighty thousand dollars.

6 2. The salary of the secretary of state shall be paid from
7 moneys appropriated to the office of the secretary of state
8 pursuant to any Act of the general assembly.

9 3. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2027, and for each
10 fiscal year thereafter until the fiscal year beginning July 1,
11 2042, the annual adjusted salary of the secretary of state shall
12 be adjusted as described in section 7.8, subsection 3.

13 Sec. 5. Section 11.30, Code 2025, is amended by striking the
14 section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

15 **11.30 Salary.**

16 1. Subject to the annual adjustments provided in subsection
17 3, the auditor of state shall receive an annual salary of one
18 hundred eighty thousand dollars.

19 2. The salary of the auditor of state shall be paid from
20 moneys appropriated to the office of the auditor of state
21 pursuant to any Act of the general assembly.

22 3. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2027, and for each
23 fiscal year thereafter until the fiscal year beginning July 1,
24 2042, the annual adjusted salary of the auditor of state shall be
25 adjusted as described in section 7.8, subsection 3.

26 Sec. 6. Section 12.18, Code 2025, is amended by striking the
27 section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

28 **12.18 Salary.**

29 1. Subject to the annual adjustments provided in subsection
30 3, the treasurer of state shall receive an annual salary of one
31 hundred eighty thousand dollars.

32 2. The salary of the treasurer of state shall be paid from
33 moneys appropriated to the office of the treasurer of state
34 pursuant to any Act of the general assembly.

35 3. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2027, and for each

1 fiscal year thereafter until the fiscal year beginning July 1,
2 2042, the annual adjusted salary of the treasurer of state shall
3 be adjusted as described in section 7.8, subsection 3.

4 Sec. 7. Section 13.9, Code 2025, is amended by striking the
5 section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

6 **13.9 Salary.**

7 1. Subject to the annual adjustments provided in subsection
8 3, the attorney general shall receive an annual salary of two
9 hundred ten thousand dollars.

10 2. The salary of the attorney general shall be paid from
11 moneys appropriated to the department of justice pursuant to any
12 Act of the general assembly.

13 3. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2027, and for each
14 fiscal year thereafter until the fiscal year beginning July 1,
15 2042, the annual adjusted salary of the attorney general shall be
16 adjusted as described in section 7.8, subsection 3.

17 4. The salaries of the chief deputy attorney general and
18 other deputy and assistant attorneys general shall be such as may
19 be fixed by law.

20 Sec. 8. Section 159.19, Code 2025, is amended by striking the
21 section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

22 **159.19 Salary.**

23 1. Subject to the annual adjustments provided in subsection
24 3, the secretary of agriculture shall receive an annual salary of
25 one hundred eighty thousand dollars.

26 2. The salary of the secretary of agriculture shall be paid
27 from moneys appropriated to the department pursuant to any Act of
28 the general assembly.

29 3. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2027, and for each
30 fiscal year thereafter until the fiscal year beginning July 1,
31 2042, the annual adjusted salary for the secretary of agriculture
32 shall be adjusted as described in section 7.8, subsection 3.

33 Sec. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This division of this Act takes
34 effect January 1, 2027.

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EXPLANATION

1 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
2 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

3 This bill relates to salaries and allowances of state elected
4 officials.

5 DIVISION I — LEGISLATIVE SALARIES. The bill increases the
6 salaries for members of the general assembly by \$20,000 per
7 year and increases the monthly allowance for legislative district
8 constituency postage, travel, telephone costs, and other expenses
9 by \$150. The bill increases the salary for the speaker of the
10 house, presiding officer of the senate, and majority and minority
11 leaders of each chamber by \$30,000, and increases the salary for
12 the president pro tempore of the senate and speaker pro tempore
13 of the house by \$22,000. The bill also applies a cost-of-living
14 adjustment equal to the annual cost-of-living pay adjustment
15 received by executive branch noncontract state employees during
16 the preceding fiscal year, or three percent, whichever is less,
17 to salaries for members and officers of the general assembly
18 each year beginning in 2028 and ending in 2043. Pursuant to the
19 Constitution of the State of Iowa, the provisions increasing the
20 base salaries for members of the general assembly apply upon the
21 convening of the 92nd General Assembly in January 2027.

22 DIVISION II — SALARIES OF STATEWIDE ELECTED EXECUTIVE
23 OFFICIALS. The bill codifies and increases the salaries of
24 the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor
25 of state, treasurer of state, secretary of agriculture, and
26 attorney general. The bill increases the salary of the governor
27 by \$100,000 and the salary of the lieutenant governor by
28 \$36,788. The bill increases the salaries of the secretary of
29 state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, and secretary of
30 agriculture by \$76,788. The bill increases the salary of the
31 attorney general by \$86,331. Beginning July 1, 2027, and ending
32 on June 30, 2042, the bill also applies an annual cost-of-living
33 adjustment equal to the legislative cost-of-living adjustment to
34 salaries for the statewide elected executive officials. This
35 division takes effect January 1, 2027.