



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB0139

Introduced 1/14/2021, by Rep. Jaime M. Andrade, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

25 ILCS 115/1

from Ch. 63, par. 14

25 ILCS 120/7 new

Amends the General Assembly Compensation Act. Provides that a member of the General Assembly may, prior to being sworn into office, elect to reject any travel reimbursement provided under the Act. Provides that once a member elects to reject travel reimbursement, he or she shall not be eligible to receive travel reimbursement for current and future terms of office. Provides that any moneys received by a member for purposes of travel reimbursement may be repaid to the State. Amends the Compensation Review Act. Provides that members of the General Assembly and executive branch constitutional officers may, prior to being sworn into office, elect not to receive any increase in compensation that would otherwise apply based on a cost of living adjustment. Provides that once a member of the General Assembly or an executive branch constitutional officer elects not to receive a cost of living adjustment, he or she shall not be eligible to receive a cost of living adjustment for current and future terms of office. Provides that any increase in compensation received as a cost of living adjustment by a member of the General Assembly or an executive branch constitutional officer may be repaid to the State.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The General Assembly Compensation Act is
5 amended by changing Section 1 as follows:

6 (25 ILCS 115/1) (from Ch. 63, par. 14)

7 Sec. 1. Each member of the General Assembly shall receive
8 an annual salary of \$28,000 or as set by the Compensation
9 Review Board, whichever is greater. The following named
10 officers, committee chairmen and committee minority spokesmen
11 shall receive additional amounts per year for their services
12 as such officers, committee chairmen and committee minority
13 spokesmen respectively, as set by the Compensation Review
14 Board or, as follows, whichever is greater: Beginning the
15 second Wednesday in January 1989, the Speaker and the minority
16 leader of the House of Representatives and the President and
17 the minority leader of the Senate, \$16,000 each; the majority
18 leader in the House of Representatives \$13,500; 5 assistant
19 majority leaders and 5 assistant minority leaders in the
20 Senate, \$12,000 each; 6 assistant majority leaders and 6
21 assistant minority leaders in the House of Representatives,
22 \$10,500 each; 2 Deputy Majority leaders in the House of
23 Representatives \$11,500 each; and 2 Deputy Minority leaders in

1 the House of Representatives, \$11,500 each; the majority
2 caucus chairman and minority caucus chairman in the Senate,
3 \$12,000 each; and beginning the second Wednesday in January,
4 1989, the majority conference chairman and the minority
5 conference chairman in the House of Representatives, \$10,500
6 each; beginning the second Wednesday in January, 1989, the
7 chairman and minority spokesman of each standing committee of
8 the Senate, except the Rules Committee, the Committee on
9 Committees, and the Committee on Assignment of Bills, \$6,000
10 each; and beginning the second Wednesday in January, 1989, the
11 chairman and minority spokesman of each standing and select
12 committee of the House of Representatives, \$6,000 each; and
13 beginning fiscal year 2020, the majority leader in the Senate,
14 an amount equal to the majority leader in the House. A member
15 who serves in more than one position as an officer, committee
16 chairman, or committee minority spokesman shall receive only
17 one additional amount based on the position paying the highest
18 additional amount. The compensation provided for in this
19 Section to be paid per year to members of the General Assembly,
20 including the additional sums payable per year to officers of
21 the General Assembly shall be paid in 12 equal monthly
22 installments. The first such installment is payable on January
23 31, 1977. All subsequent equal monthly installments are
24 payable on the last working day of the month. A member who has
25 held office any part of a month is entitled to compensation for
26 an entire month.

1 Mileage shall be paid at the rate of 20 cents per mile
2 before January 9, 1985, and at the mileage allowance rate in
3 effect under regulations promulgated pursuant to 5 U.S.C.
4 5707(b)(2) beginning January 9, 1985, for the number of actual
5 highway miles necessarily and conveniently traveled by the
6 most feasible route to be present upon convening of the
7 sessions of the General Assembly by such member in each and
8 every trip during each session in going to and returning from
9 the seat of government, to be computed by the Comptroller. A
10 member traveling by public transportation for such purposes,
11 however, shall be paid his actual cost of that transportation
12 instead of on the mileage rate if his cost of public
13 transportation exceeds the amount to which he would be
14 entitled on a mileage basis. No member may be paid, whether on
15 a mileage basis or for actual costs of public transportation,
16 for more than one such trip for each week the General Assembly
17 is actually in session. Each member shall also receive an
18 allowance of \$36 per day for lodging and meals while in
19 attendance at sessions of the General Assembly before January
20 9, 1985; beginning January 9, 1985, such food and lodging
21 allowance shall be equal to the amount per day permitted to be
22 deducted for such expenses under the Internal Revenue Code;
23 however, beginning May 31, 1995, no allowance for food and
24 lodging while in attendance at sessions is authorized for
25 periods of time after the last day in May of each calendar
26 year, except (i) if the General Assembly is convened in

1 special session by either the Governor or the presiding
2 officers of both houses, as provided by subsection (b) of
3 Section 5 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution or (ii) if
4 the General Assembly is convened to consider bills vetoed,
5 item vetoed, reduced, or returned with specific
6 recommendations for change by the Governor as provided in
7 Section 9 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution. For
8 fiscal year 2011 and for session days in fiscal years 2012,
9 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 only (i) the
10 allowance for lodging and meals is \$111 per day and (ii)
11 mileage for automobile travel shall be reimbursed at a rate of
12 \$0.39 per mile.

13 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
14 contrary, beginning in fiscal year 2012, travel reimbursement
15 for General Assembly members on non-session days shall be
16 calculated using the guidelines set forth by the Legislative
17 Travel Control Board, except that fiscal year 2012, 2013,
18 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 mileage reimbursement
19 is set at a rate of \$0.39 per mile.

20 A member may, prior to being sworn into office, elect to
21 reject any travel reimbursement provided under this Section.
22 Once a member elects to reject travel reimbursement, he or she
23 shall not be eligible to receive travel reimbursement under
24 this Section for the remainder of his or her elected term of
25 office or for any subsequent term of office for which he or she
26 may be elected to the same house of the General Assembly. Any

1 moneys received by a member for purposes of travel
2 reimbursement may voluntarily be repaid by a member to the
3 State in a manner prescribed by the Comptroller.

4 If a member dies having received only a portion of the
5 amount payable as compensation, the unpaid balance shall be
6 paid to the surviving spouse of such member, or, if there be
7 none, to the estate of such member.

8 (Source: P.A. 100-25, eff. 7-26-17; 100-587, eff. 6-4-18;
9 101-10, eff. 6-5-19; revised 7-17-19.)

10 Section 10. The Compensation Review Act is amended by
11 adding Section 7 as follows:

12 (25 ILCS 120/7 new)

13 Sec. 7. COLA opt-out. Notwithstanding any provision of law
14 to the contrary, members of the General Assembly and executive
15 branch constitutional officers of State government may, prior
16 to being sworn into office, elect not to receive any increase
17 in compensation that would otherwise apply based on a cost of
18 living adjustment as authorized by Senate Joint Resolution 192
19 of the 86th General Assembly. Once a member of the General
20 Assembly or an executive branch constitutional officer elects
21 not to receive a cost of living adjustment, he or she shall not
22 be eligible to receive a cost of living adjustment for the
23 remainder of his or her elected term of office or for any
24 subsequent term of office for which he or she may be elected to

1 the same office. Any increase in compensation received as a
2 cost of living adjustment by a member of the General Assembly
3 or an executive branch constitutional officer may voluntarily
4 be repaid by a member or an officer to the State in a manner
5 prescribed by the Comptroller.